



# Kindergarten Curriculum Description

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Our Kindergarten classroom and curriculum focuses on helping each child become the best person he or she can be. Students are not only taught the academic standards that have been set for Kindergarten, but they are also guided in establishing important habits and attitudes that will benefit them in their future years in school and for the rest of their lives.

## BIBLE

Kindergarteners focus their learning on familiar Bible truths that emphasize God's loving care using a combination of the ACSI Kindergarten Bible textbook in combination with the help of the engaging videos in the Superbook video series, featuring captivating, Bible-based adventures of two time-traveling children and their robot friend. By learning the lessons, watching the videos, engaging in discussion with their teacher, and being reminded throughout their week to apply the lessons they are learning, these students continue to add to the Biblical worldview foundation that they have already begun to develop at home.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

The Superkids Reading Program by Zaner Bloser introduces fascinating stories and characters to ensure reading success in every student. The program focuses on establishing a familiar routine with each letter sound – “hear it, see it, say it, write it.” Rigorous instruction in grade 1 ensures students master the foundational skills they need to become lifelong readers and writers, focusing on the following:

Word work: Phonemic awareness • Phonics • Blending • Decoding • Structural analysis • Fluency Language Skills • Handwriting • Encoding • Spelling • Grammar • Vocabulary

Reading: Decoding • Fluency Speaking & Listening Skills • Oral language • Collaborative discussion Reading Skills • Listening comprehension • Reading comprehension: literary and informational text • Close reading • Content knowledge • Vocabulary

Writing Skills: Writing process • Narrative writing • Opinion writing • Informative/ explanatory writing  
Language Skills • Grammar, usage, and mechanics • Speaking and listening

## MATHEMATICS

Go Math (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) uses the 5E instructional model—Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate—that transforms planning and teaching and develops mathematical understanding in students. Even in the early ages, STEM content connects with today's learners. By including Math in Careers challenges, students begin to envision the role math can play in the world around them.

Kindergarteners learn to count and write 0 to 20 and beyond; to compare numbers 0 to 10; to add and subtract, to identify 2- and 3-D shapes, and different measurements; and to sort and group.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

The Kindergarten students' education continues with reading and discovery through Scholastic's Let's Find Out magazine developed just for Kindergarten students. This program continues to support beginning readers with sight words, pattern text, rhymes, songs, and vocabulary builders while also covering the Ohio learning standards of "Families Now and Long Ago, Near and Far." The first-grade year builds on the concepts developed in kindergarten by focusing on the individual as a member of a family. Students begin to understand how families lived long ago and how they live in other cultures. They develop concepts about how the world is organized spatially through beginning map skills. They build the foundation for understanding principles of government and their roles as citizens. Through the guidance of their teacher, they explore culture, heritage, and democratic principles, through the lens of Biblical truth.

## **SCIENCE**

From the mystery that is introduced in every lesson to the unforgettable story told with engaging images and videos, Mystery Science helps kids stay curious by creating better explanations. As a child's curiosity peaks in the first ten years of life, these are the years when children not only form habits that will stay with them through their lifetimes, but also further develop their view of the world and how it connects to Biblical Truths. "This is the opportunity to nurture each child's burning curiosity, guide them as they explore their world, and ensure they develop the most important skill of all: the ability to figure things out for themselves."