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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Our Kindergarten classroom and curriculum focuses on helping each child develop socially, spiritually, physical, and academically. Social skills are taught and practiced. Students learn how to see God in the world through hands-on learning. 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. Our students learn interpersonal skills through play time, centers, and classroom activities.

## **BIBLE**

Kindergartners focus their learning through the Positive Action for Christ textbook. During this year, lessons emphasize God's character and work in the world. Topics are explored through 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." Foundational skills taught include work work (phonemic awareness, phonics, blending, etc.), reading, and writing. Within reading, through direct instruction and reading groups, there is a focus on oral language, understanding concepts of print, and word work. Students start independently reading books with familiar words and begin to develop their writing skills.

As students become more independent readers, the textbook is also supplemented by the Accelerated Reading Program by Renaissance. Students work hard to reach their reading goals each quarter and are recognized in the morning assembly once they reach a "point club." Lexia is another engaging program all of our K-2nd grade students utilize to reinforce their literacy skills.

## **MATHEMATICS**

BJU Press's Math K5 uses an interactive approach with math. This year establishes a foundation for math appreciation and understanding. 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. Time, money, and other skills are introduced.

The textbook is also supplemented by the Freckle Math Program by Renaissance. Both at home and during center time in the classroom, Freckle is an adaptive program which both supports and challenges students at their learning level. One section of Freckle reinforces numbers and cardinality.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

The Kindergarten students' education continues with reading and discovery through Scholastic *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."

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMMING**

Elementary students engage in weekly elective classes such as art, physical education, technology, music, and library, allowing them to explore a variety of subjects. Students gain extensive knowledge through diverse guest speakers, interactive projects, and educational excursions. Secondary students serve as mentors for our elementary students during weekly Bible lessons within their Family Group time. Additionally, our younger grades participate in weekly chapel sessions every Friday. Throughout the year, special events such as Christmas chapel and the spring concert provide unique and memorable performances.