

Elementary Curriculum Overview

Kindergarten: Age Four

<p>Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Old Testament Bible characters Birth and earthly ministry of Christ Christ's death and resurrection Life of Paul 	<p>Phonics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter recognition Letter sounds and phonemic awareness activities Reading one vowel words 	<p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large writing of basic strokes needed for writing letters and numbers Writing name Writing letters and numbers on wide lined paper
<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number recognition of 0-20 Counting to 50 Concepts of more/less, before/after, etc. Shapes 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasons Weather Animals and their habitats Senses 	<p>Social Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holidays Famous Americans Community helpers

Kindergarten: Age Five

<p>Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation The Flood Old Testament characters Numerous miracles Christmas stories Easter stories 	<p>Phonics / Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters and sounds Distinction between long and short vowels Consonant blends Special sounds Beginning reading 	<p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper pencil holding Formation of letters and numbers Period, exclamation mark, question mark
<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count and recognize numbers 1-100 Tell time on the hour Addition and subtraction using single family numbers Value of penny, nickel, dime and quarter Count to 100 by fives and tens 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss creation Five senses Weather patterns Care of our bodies Animals and their living conditions Seashore environment 	<p>Social Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community helpers Families Famous Americans Geography Facts about various countries

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First Grade

<p>Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of the world • God’s special promises • God’s protection, guidance, caring and strengthening of His people • Books of Old and New Testament • Weekly scripture memorization • Character development with practical life application stories 	<p>Phonics / Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of basic phonics skills in reading • Reading sight words • Determine words by phonetic analysis, picture and context clues • Effective expression, speed and fluency in oral reading • Oral and silent reading comprehension 	<p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct letter formation for upper and lowercase • Good handwriting skills • Proper holding of writing instrument and placement of paper • Line quality, spacing and alignment
<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and continual review of mathematical concepts • Geometry: plane and solid shapes • Time (analog and digital) and money • Base ten system • Problem solving skills • Basic algebraic skills such as find the missing addend 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five senses • Parts of a plant • Toys and simple machines • Animals and insects • Seasons 	<p>Heritage Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map skills and geography • U.S. early history: Vikings and Columbus, Native Americans, early settlers, schools in the New World • Robert La Salle • Importance of family in society
<p>Spelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists of ten to fifteen words arranged phonetically • Recognition of basic spelling patterns • Sight words 	<p>Creative Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration with all subject areas • Handwriting, reading and language practice • Progression from simple sentences to descriptive sentences to simple paragraphs 	

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Second Grade

<p>Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Bible stories and events • God’s promises • Learning to trust God in victory and tribulation • Weekly scripture memorization 	<p>Phonics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alphabetical order • Consonants, short and long vowel and blend sounds • Digraphs • Syllables and plurals • Contractions • Synonyms and antonyms • Basic dictionary skills 	<p>Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete sentence structure, including capital letters and punctuation • Prefixes and suffixes • Compound and rhyming words • Antonyms and synonyms • Singular and plural words • Contractions • Alphabetizing word lists
<p>Spelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling words using phonics rules • Introduction to poetry and vocabulary • Use of correct word meanings in context • Antonyms and synonyms • Word searches 	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral and silent reading skills • Expanding vocabulary and improving reading comprehension • Basic library, dictionary, grammar and phonics skills • Grade appropriate stories, poems and topics of interest 	<p>Creative Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated into reading and language curricula • Writing stories and poetry <p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mastery of printing, emphasizing legibility and neatness • Introduction to cursive writing for upper and lower case letters
<p>Heritage Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and colonial American history • Basic map and globe skills 	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computation skills and problem solving strategies • Place value • Measurement and geometry • Time and money • Patterns • Fractions • Graphs and charts • Addition and subtraction facts 0 through 20 • Multiplication and division facts 0 through 5 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal life cycles including zoo field trip • Plant growing cycles • Teacher created units for different science concepts

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Third Grade

<p>Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin and Salvation • The mind of the Lord • Purity • Christmas • Exultation of Christ • Christian character • Easter • Christian friends 	<p>Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentences • Capitalization and punctuation • Creative writing • Word usage • Subjects and verbs • Adjectives • Nouns and plurals • Dictionary usage 	<p>Penmanship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving basic skills • Dictionary skills • Refinement of cursive writing
<p>Spelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly lists of twenty-eight words • Words based on phonics rules • Content words • Vocabulary words 	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature based curriculum with fiction and non-fiction stories, information articles, artwork and poetry • Discussions of authors and illustrators of children's literature • Activities to increase fluency, predicting and sequencing skills • Styles of illustration • Free choice reading 	<p>Creative Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated throughout curricula • Students write stories about friends, family, Bible characters and heroes • Poetry • Illustrated stories • Fairy tales • Short book project
<p>Heritage Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American history including the Constitution and Civil War • Westward expansion • Underground railroad • American holidays • Pennsylvanian history • World history • Geography • Government • Culture and economics • Special projects and historical simulations 	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number sense and numeration • Concepts of whole number operations • Whole number computation • Fractions and decimals • Money • Geometry • Spatial sense and measurement 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senses • Animal habitats • Animals • Machines and work • Electricity • Water • Heat and temperature • Earth's resources • Solar system

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Fourth Grade

<p>Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attributes of God • Bible study and prayer • Christmas • Eternal promises • Hymns • Weekly memorized scripture 	<p>Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dictionary and encyclopedia use • Capitalization and punctuation rules • Process writing • Letter writing • Singular possessives and contractions • Sentence structure • Eight parts of speech • Diagramming of subjects and verbs with modifiers • Correct word usage • Book reports 	<p>Spelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics rules • Spelling strategies • Dictionary use • Proofreading • Vocabulary enrichment • Unit reviews
<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth of Christian character in variety of literature • Study skills introduction • Strengthening and building reading comprehension 	<p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper letter size and formation • Letter slant and word spacing 	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of place value of money • Operations and algebraic reasoning • Multiplication and division • Fractions • Decimals • Measurement • Graphing • Geometry • Probability
<p>Heritage Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World geography • Immigration • Ellis Island simulation • Circuit riders • Inventions • Industrial Revolution and the economy • Government and elections • Discussions about freedom, independence and responsibility • Various projects 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pond life • Sound • Energy • Skeletal system • Weather • Plants • Birds • Field trip to National Aquarium in Baltimore 	<p>Creative Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignments as integrated across curriculum

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Fifth Grade

<p>Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis • Exodus • Leviticus • Numbers • Deuteronomy • Joshua • Revelation • Weekly Bible memory verses 	<p>Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 parts of speech • Punctuation & capitalization rules • The Writing Process: paragraphs, outlining, reports, friendly and business letters • Research skills • Dictionary, thesaurus and encyclopedia skills 	<p>Spelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short and long vowels • Compound words • Homophones • Spelling patterns • Prefixes and suffixes • Three syllable words • Review lessons • Vocabulary words
<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing comprehension strategies • Using graphic organizers • Increasing vocabulary • Study skills and strategies • Test taking skills and strategies • Developing oral reading fluency • Author studies • Types of literature • Similes, metaphors and alliteration 	<p>Creative Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists • Paragraphs • Poems • Stories <p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter size • Shape and slant • Spacing • Neatness 	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding and subtracting whole numbers • Multiplying whole numbers • Dividing by two digit numbers • Units of measure • Graph data, data and statistics • Place value of whole number and decimals • Number theory and fraction concepts • Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions • Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals • Geometry and measurement • Ratio, proportion, percent and probability • Algebra, integers and coordinate graphing
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cells and heredity • Body systems • Seed plants • Insects • Environmental factors • Geology • Structures • Light • Matter 	<p>Heritage Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography and map studies • Nations of the earth • Fifty states overview • Indian dwellings and colonial American homes and customs • Early transportation systems • World War I • Roaring Twenties • United States Depression • World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars 	

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Sixth Grade

<p>Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events and characters of the Old Testament • Lesson learned from positive and negative actions of Old Testament individuals • Overview of the books of the Bible • Scripture memorization 	<p>Literature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short stories, American folktales, science fiction accounts, Biblical stories, verses and truths • Poetry introduction in relation to imagery, rhyme and rhythm • Discussion on “Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry” by Mildred Taylor 	<p>Spelling and Vocabulary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty spelling and vocabulary words weekly • Bi-weekly focus on these words, their meanings (both literal and figurative), their ranges of usage, and their relationship to other words
<p>Grammar and Composition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and use of eight parts of speech • Identification and correction of fragment and run-on sentences • Sentence mechanics • Proper use of pronouns, case number, verb tenses and adjective/adverb comparison • Compound and complex sentences • Journal writing and composition skills in creative writing • Friendly and business letters 	<p>Social Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography of Pennsylvania • Native American cultures in conjunction with novel reading • French and Indian War • Revolutionary War and the founding of our nation • Civil War • Famous Pennsylvanians and their contributions • Field trip to Philadelphia’s historical district 	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations and algebraic representative of numbers • Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions and decimals • Basic geometry, integers and simple equations • Mathematical problem solving skills
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthquakes and volcanoes • Weathering and erosion • Natural resources • Cells and classification • Animal and plant classifications • Atoms and molecules • Electricity and magnetism • Motion and machines • Stars and solar system • Reproduction, heredity and genetics • Nervous and immune system • Technology 	<p>Technology Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper position at keyboard • Correct fingering for typing • Basic Word procedures • Developing typing speed and accuracy 	

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Chapel: Weekly for grades K5 – 6

- Various chapel speakers presenting age appropriate message
- Weekly activities designed to focus students’ attention and hearts on the things of the Lord
- Different hymns each month to sign and memorize
- Choruses and contemporary Christian songs presented
- Each class is responsible for leading the chapel in salutes to the American flag, Christian flag and the Bible on a rotating basis
- Student vocal and instrumental selections, scripture and poetry recitations
- Student salvation testimonies presented
- Student birthdays recognized and “Thumbs Up” awards presented

Physical Education

<p>Kindergarten Ages 4 and 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on following directions • Movement and motor activities • Game concepts • Major sports skills introduction 	<p>First, Second and Third Grades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on following directions • Improved motor skills • Vigorous activities • More cooperation and less competition • Major sports • Team unity • Presidential fitness testing for overall student fitness evaluations 	<p>Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased skill on learned team competitions • Increased skill on major sports and motor skills • Presidential fitness testing for overall student fitness evaluations • Students are expected to wear gym uniforms for each class
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Art Education

<p>Kindergarten and First Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore color, shape and texture • Cutting and tracing • Coloring and pasting • Developing gross and fine motor skills • Following directions • One clay project each year 	<p>Second and Third Grades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color theory and value studies • Shape, form, line drawings and figure drawings • Use of all artistic media to include charcoal, watercolor, tempera paint, pastels, pencil, crayon, markers, pen and ink • Collage and mosaic • Texture studies • One pottery or sculpture project each year 	<p>Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More advanced techniques in drawing, portraiture, figure drawing, watercolor and pastels • Weaving • Poster and graphic design • Drawing animals, flowers and fish • Perspective and use of space • Pottery • Elements and principles of design • Aesthetics • Prehistoric and Mesopotamian art • Art of Ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman civilizations
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Music Education

<p>Kindergarten: Age Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic vocal technique • Steady beat • Movement and coordination activities • Participation in one concert each year 	<p>Kindergarten: Age Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform and compose basic rhythms • Identification of dynamics • Basic tempo • Rhythm instrument timbre • Basic vocal technique • Performing rounds • Music history: J.S. Bach and Fanny Crosby • Participation in two concerts each year 	<p>First Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic vocal technique and musical expression • Demonstrate, compose, perform and identify dynamics • Identify tempo • Performance of Orff instruments • Basic rhythm and notation • Solfege, instrument identification and timbre • Participation in two concerts each year
<p>Second Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic vocal technique and musical expression • Demonstrate, compose, perform and identify dynamics • Identify tempo • Performance of Orff instruments • Basic rhythm and notation • Solfege, instrument identification and timbre • Participation in two concerts each year 	<p>Third Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocal technique and musical expression • Two and three part songs • Dynamics, timbre, solfege and notation • Treble cleff note names • Basic recorder skills • Participation in two concerts each year 	<p>Fourth Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocal technique and musical expression • Two and three part songs • Dynamics, timbre, solfege and notation • Treble cleff note names • Basic skills on resonator bells • Participation in two concerts each year
<p>Fifth Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocal technique and musical expression • Two and three part songs • Dynamics, timbre, solfege and notation • Treble cleff note names • Basic skills on tone chimes • Participation in two concerts each year 	<p>Sixth Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may elect to participate in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Middle school chorus & vocal ensembles ○ Beginner and middle school band & Instrumental ensembles • Music Appreciation is offered to students not enrolled in a performing arts group 	

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Library

- Thirty minute class each week
- Students borrow books, magazines and DVDs
- Basic library use skills
- Group reading
- Individual reading
- Comparisons of books and their corresponding videos
- Annual Reading Contest

Supported Instruction Program

- Academic support for students with learning disabilities
- Academic support for students struggling with certain classroom concepts
- One to five days per week
- One-on-one or small group modified assistance
- Classroom available for students to study or test without distraction
- May be used for advanced instruction