

Kindergarten Curriculum Notes and Information

Morning Meeting: Each morning we meet on the carpet for our opening routine. We do attendance, calendar, weather, counting, and alphabet activities.

Memory Work: On Wednesday and Friday mornings, the children recite their memory work. Bible verses will have been taught at school, but should also be practiced at home.

Word of God: On Monday and Friday mornings we learn about God's Word by studying a Bible lesson. The lesson is taught and reviewed using a variety of methods of storytelling, or by using felt board or other visual aids to help the students understand and remember what God has done and continues to do for them. The lesson is reviewed and applied to the students' lives during the afternoon devotion.

Chapel: Students participate in a chapel devotion each Wednesday morning.

Superkids: During Superkids, the students have the opportunity to do a variety of activities to help them recognize letters and the sounds they make, and to blend those sounds together into words, sentences, and stories. We also work on listening and writing skills at this time.

Reading/Writing: During this time, the children have the opportunity to do journal activities, practice their penmanship and use the classroom library. The journal activities allow the children to express themselves through the written word. Penmanship time allows the students more time to practice their handwriting skills. Library time gives the student's time to enjoy the picture books in our classroom library.

Math: We use the Harcourt Math curriculum in Kindergarten. Our math studies are filled with activities designed to introduce and reinforce patterns, sorting, and counting, as well as to recognize and write numbers. We also work with shapes, money, time, measurement, addition, and subtraction.

Music: The children learn Bible songs and secular songs, play simple rhythms with rhythm instruments and learn to tone-match when singing during our music time.

Center Activities: Students participate in a variety of games, puzzles, building, and dramatic play activities.

Story Time: We enjoy stories together several times each day. We learn a lot about the process of reading, and improve listening and comprehension skills while we share various types of stories, poems, and informational books.

Science: Each Monday we have a science lesson. We learn about ourselves and the world around us using *Science Studies Weekly* magazines, experiments, and other hands-on activities.

Social Studies: Each Wednesday we have a social studies lesson. We learn about many topics such as our community and country, animals, holidays, and safety. We use *Social Studies Weekly* magazines regularly.

Art: We have a scheduled art class on Friday, but we also do art and craft activities throughout the week to reinforce Word of God, Superkids, and other lessons.

Physical Education: Our Physical Education curriculum is the SPARK K-2 curriculum. Through many different games and activities, students are encouraged to take good care of the bodies with which God has blessed them and to improve the development of their large motor skills.