

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Students have exciting things to look forward to in this classroom! First and most important, this classroom, along with the entire school, is rooted in faith and it is alive in everything we do!

Social and emotional learning are huge skills we learn all about in Kindergarten too! Students learn how to share, take turns, listen to friends, communicate their ideas, and so much more. It is all done through play and hands on learning experiences!

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## Kindergarten Notes:

**Religion:** In religion our kindergarteners learn the basic building blocks of our faith. We also focus on appropriate school behavior. We have daily prayers and learn to be a follower of Jesus.

**Reading:** Reading starts with a teacher led classroom lesson. Each week we have a big idea and our group lessons will cover this main concept. Group lessons consist of a read-aloud book and hands-on activity. Students then have a chance to participate in stations. During stations students participate in different reading and math activities.

**Handwriting:** In handwriting, we will learn the strokes and proper grip to be able to write upper and lowercase letters and our numbers. Students will use handwriting in various writing activities.

**Math:** We begin with a “meeting” each day, during which we practice various math skills including counting, graphing, tallying, using a calendar, and more. We have daily acts practice and work on new skills together during our guided practice time. Homework is part of our math curriculum several nights each week.

**Science & Social Studies:** In kindergarten there are science and social studies lessons, however much of our learning is woven into reading, writing and math. Many of the books we read and activities we do will have a science or social studies concept attached. In science we will cover topics such as weather, earth and sky, pushes and pulls, animals, senses, and the human body. In social studies we cover families, friends, traditions throughout the world, lifestyles of past and present, presidents, American symbols and simple geography.

**Art:** In art we work on basic art concepts such as color, line, shape, and texture. Students participate in an art lesson weekly and various art activities are sprinkled in as well.