

NorthCreek Academy

Kindergarten

Bible

Bible is an integral part of the entire Kindergarten curriculum as we strive to place God's Word in the center of all that is taught. The day will begin with prayer, and principles from the Bible will be part of our classroom studies, our social activities and our discipline. Our Bible curriculum, *Positive Action*, will encourage the students to dig into God's Word and practice Christ-like values and character traits. It will explore stories from Creation to the Resurrection of Christ. Biblical applications to everyday life will be evident in our daily activities both in class and on the playground. Students will participate in Bible memory verses which correlate to our weekly Chapel.

Language Arts

The Kindergarten reading program is phonics based with an emphasis on vocabulary development and beginning comprehension skills. Kindergartners will learn letter names and sounds, develop a basic sight word vocabulary, read short stories, and participate in oral reading and literature discussions. Development of expressive language through oral language experience is a program highlight. Students are inspired to appreciate quality literature by exposure to monthly author studies. In addition, we read *Addy* from the American Girl Series together. Kindergartners will also develop foundational writing skills with instruction in basic punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure. Training in spelling words that have direct sound-symbol relationships happens during this important, foundational year. Correct letter formation and proper pencil grip are also established for strong writing habits.

History/Social Studies

Students begin the Kindergarten year learning about maps and globes, including oceans and continents. We "build" a neighborhood complete with houses to learn about community and transportation. Directions including left and right; north, south, east and west are learned. Kindergartners will learn about the various holidays and why we celebrate them. We gain knowledge about our first and sixteenth Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln along with the study of many great leaders in observing Black History. We study Ancient Egypt and many of the changes that have occurred in our history and how they relate to us today. This study brings insight to our students about God's active role in history as well as today. Biblical truths from God's Word as well as the book "The Story of the World" are used in this study of ancient civilizations.

Math

Mathematics is taught to recognize God's order and design in creation through numbers, shapes and patterns. At the Kindergarten level, we use various hands on activities for the students to explore and understand each concept. Students will learn about sorting, basic geometry figures, patterns, positions, numbers to 100, tables, graphs and fractions, addition and subtraction, money, time, measurement, place value with ones and tens and counting by 2's, 5's and 10's.

Science

Kindergarten students learn about and appreciate the wonders of the amazing world God has given us. We explore the various types of trees and leaves. We learn about several small animals by way of comparing and contrasting them, exploring the various parts of each and learning how to handle these animals gently. In the study of wood and paper, we learn about four main types of wood and how each one is used. We follow the process of wood from the tree to the factory and into our homes. The "Foss" Science program is very interactive for the students by way of exploration of God's World through many hands on activities.