

Full and Half Day Kindergarten



"Our Kindergarten mission is to teach children about Jesus and spread the love of God in a Christ-filled environment. We provide opportunities for hands-on learning while also incorporating science, technology, reading, the arts, and math. We help families nurture their children to grow spiritually, intellectually, and serve the Lord joyfully." Mrs. Nelsen & Mrs. Nauta

RELIGION

- ◆ The kindergarteners learn that Jesus loves them and is their friend
- ◆ Christian values are applied to every part of the school day
- ◆ Some examples of Bible stories studied are: Creation, Adam and Eve, Jesus is Born, and The Lord's Prayer

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

- ◆ Fall Party and Thanksgiving Feast
- ◆ Christmas Service and 100th Day of School
- ◆ Track and Field Day
- ◆ Tail Waggin' Readers

ART

The students explore and express their creativity with art projects, and fine motor activities. A variety of media are used to enhance learning and art expression.

TECHNOLOGY

Learning.com is a web-based curriculum. Students are also given the opportunity to learn and develop digital literacy skills through a variety of educational websites. Keyboarding, word processing, reading, math, and problem solving skills are developed and strengthened

MATH

The **Reveal Math** curriculum provides a guided and activity-based exploration of mathematical concepts. Students develop their problem solving, observation and questioning skills. Some additional concepts studied include: counting, shapes, sorting, adding/subtracting, comparing and measuring.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The students gain knowledge about the world around them through the **Tara West curriculum**. Units studied include:

- ◆ Economics
- ◆ Maps
- ◆ Rules
- ◆ United States
- ◆ Communities
- ◆ Countries

SCIENCE

Students are energized through an exciting blend of print, digital and inquiry experiences. Investigation and STEM Quest Labs are explored in the **Savvas Curriculum**.

READING AND PHONICS

Our students build the foundational skills for reading and phonics through the **Savvas** curriculum. Skills focused on include:

- ◆ Letter sounds
- ◆ Decodable reader books
- ◆ Book discussions
- ◆ Individual and partner reading
- ◆ Recognizing snap words

HANDWRITING

Handwriting skills are practiced daily with journaling, writing letters, and throughout the Kindergarten day. The **Zaner-Bloser** handwriting curriculum is integrated in all of the subject areas.

WRITING

Students learn in the **Writer's Workshop** how to craft, create, build, fix and repair their own writing. The writing process consists of a mini-lesson, writing time, and the author's chair. The **Smekens Education** writing curriculum provides instruction for all levels of writers.