

COURSE OVERVIEW FOR Kindergarten



Bible

While we use the Association of Christian Schools International Bible curriculum, Bible themes are integrated in each subject matter below. We see the beauty of creation in Science, the need for others to know Him in Social Studies, the importance of reading His word in reading, and God's absolutes in Math. All subject matter in each class is presented with a Biblical worldview. In the ACSI curriculum in kindergarten, we focus on Bible stories and how they relate to our lives, with topics such as kindness, thankfulness, sharing God with others, understanding God's power and His provisions for us. We use role-playing, story telling, crafts and journaling in our curriculum.

Phonics/Reading

RCCS uses the A Beka phonics program for worksheets, combined with several whole language activities, such as big books, sight words, student readers, individual reading programs, and other language activities that bring relevant science and social studies topics into the reading class. By the end of the year, students are reading sight words, short vowel words, long vowel words and many special sound words (such as words containing oi, ay, ey, oo, sh, ch, ow). Students are challenged individually with learning centers in the classroom and customized reading words sent home weekly.

Science

As mentioned above, in kindergarten, Science topics are reinforced in the reading curriculum and presented with a Biblical worldview. We do many science experiments, form hypotheses, read books about the topic, discuss high-level thinking questions, draw/chart what we've learned, and categorize and collect data. Science topics include: How we get our food, life under the sea, weather, color and light, and animals and their habitat.

Social Studies

Social Studies is also presented with a Biblical worldview and is taught through reading about the topic, role-playing, categorizing, taking field trips, special speakers, and art activities. Social Studies units include: All about me and my family, homes and children around the world, community helpers, and our country then and now. Throughout each topic, our God-given responsibilities to others are emphasized.

Math

RCCS uses the A Beka math curriculum. Students learn numbers 1-100, pattern recognition, single digit addition and subtraction principles, coin counting, story problem solving, and time telling to the half-hour. Supplemental activities are added as each child is ready for them, and include advanced patterns, addition and subtraction with multiple digits, telling time to the minute and numbers into the thousands.

Physical Education

Kindergartners have physical education class 3 days a week. We use the 3rd edition of Physical Education K-2(Movement Education for All) by Christian Schools International. The kindergarten curriculum features a wide range of sensorimotor experiences to stimulate students to react to themselves and to their environment and will provide a movement base upon which most motor proficiency movement and fitness awareness can be built. There are a few basic sections of this curriculum that include: Exploring Sensorimotor Attributes, Exploring Fitness Movements, Developing Sensorimotor Attributes, and Developing Fitness Awareness. These activities will be designed to help students refine, relearn, practice, and integrate the various movement possibilities.