

SYLVAN WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



Curriculum Guide
Kindergarten

Sylvan Way Christian School Kindergarten Curriculum

Bible

Learning About God is an overview of the Bible, from the creation of our world to the resurrection of Christ. The Bible stories are enhanced through songs, literature stories, and chapel worship. Bible verses are learned and memorized during the school year. Prayer and sharing from God's Word are integrated throughout the day.

Reading

Houghton Mifflin's *Beginning to Read, Write & Listen* fosters a strong phonemic awareness. This curriculum utilizes a variety of activities that incorporate practice from eye-hand coordination to listening and comprehension skills. The last half of these 24 letterbooks have easy-to-read stories.

Our Individual Reading Program uses a variety of books to meet the needs of each student: emergent, beginning, and independent reader. These sets of books (*Superbooks*, Modern Curriculum Press, and Scholastic Books) grow from a phonetic base to integrating high frequency, sight words, and multi-syllable words, as each child progresses according to their ability.

Language Arts

Success in Reading and Writing uses a variety of literature and encourages writing. The children start with writing letters, words, and phrases; and then they create their own complete sentences with punctuation. During the year the children work with patterned writing, creative writing, and simple non-fiction research. The students work with vocabulary, descriptive words, and rhyming words.

Mathematics

Harcourt, *Brace Advantage*, and *Math Their Way*, approach the learning of Math through hands-on manipulatives and learning games to enhance the key concepts of shapes, sorting, patterning, numbers, counting and writing, addition and subtraction, estimating, graphing, time and money. Our program is flexible by allowing children to work at their own ability level.

Read It, Draw It, Solve It and *Sudoku* have a focus of problem solving that the students find fun as well as challenging.

Science

Our Science curriculum, based upon *Discovery Works Concordia Edition* by Silver Burdett, promotes the child's awareness of the physical, environmental, and life sciences. This material gives a Christian perspective emphasizing the wonder of the world God has given us. The units of study are: Body Parts, Five Senses, Dinosaurs, Solar System, Creepy Crawlies, and Tidelands.

Social Studies

Our study in Social Studies covers the school day, being a unique child of God, handling emotions, community, and danger and safety.

Art

Concepts introduced and practiced are color, texture, patterns, space, overlapping, lines, drawing, shading, and coloring. These are presented using *Drawing in the Classroom* by Roger Kukes as the primary resource.

Specials

The students participate in putting together and performing two "parent learning" programs. The first is the Back-to-Kindergarten program in the first trimester and the second is in the last trimester. The K-2nd grade Christmas Program is performed in December. These programs help the students to develop a wide range of performing skills as they learn to work as a team toward one goal. As Kindergartners, students will also be participating in the Science Fair, the Art Gala, and the Writer's Celebration.

The field trips that the students participate in are related to the units being studied in class.