

## **K-4 Preschool Curriculum Description**

### **Language Arts**

In preschool, age-appropriate literature encourages strong oral and receptive language development that supports reading skills. Emphasis is placed on the skills and concepts that help students make the connection between sound and print: print concepts, alphabet recognition, and phonemic awareness. Students understand a number of letter-sound relationships and recognize some common sight words. Comprehension skills focus on asking/answering questions about stories, predicting outcomes, retelling stories, and discerning the difference between fiction and nonfiction in stories. Vocabulary and knowledge of the world is extended to include words important to school work and daily life. The dictation of ideas and stories enrich the writing experience.

### **Mathematics**

This activity-rich program incorporates manipulatives, movement, literature, and music. Students practice problem-solving and build thinking skills as they apply math to other disciplines (such as science) and to daily life activities (such as cooking). Major components of the curriculum include position, patterning, classification, comparison, measurement, geometry, time, money, number study, simple addition and subtraction, and estimation. Daily calendar studies provide opportunities to enrich and reinforce basic math concepts.

### **Science**

The preschool science curriculum allows students to explore God's created world. The curriculum develops the child's inquiry and observation processes through the study of animals. Hands-on experiments include highly visual instructional presentations. Children will learn about their bodies and personal health. They will develop an appreciation for their personal health and begin to understand how to maintain it by obeying God's principles.

### **Social Studies**

In social studies, children learn their roles as members of a family, community, and world. They grow in their understanding and appreciation of self, family, and others by exploring community activities, relationships, personal safety, and their own identity. Children will learn history and geography of various people groups. The customs and traditions of children around the world will be explored through projects and a class 'teddy bear' that will travel the world. The class will have music, library, and art time once a week.

### **Bible**

Preschool Bible instruction explores the themes of God's love for all of His children through Bible stories and hands-on activities to reinforce the concepts. The children will learn that the Bible is the source of all truth. Daily prayer, memory verses, and devotions are complemented by weekly chapel services and service projects throughout the year.