BJU Footsteps for Fours Curriculum Description

Pre-reading

- Language acquisition and development
- Recognition of alphabet letters
- Phonemic awareness of alphabet sounds /a/to/z/
- Letter-sound recognition of medial short-vowel sounds; initial and final consonants
- Optional beginning reading strand for eager learners.

Listening and Literature

- Traditional literature; realistic and fanciful prose and poetry; nursery rhymes
- Vocabulary development and enrichment, as well as weekly CFS Library "Specials" Class
- Auditory memory; sound by direction, pitch, tempo, and volume; rhyming words
- Listening questions to develop comprehension
- Dictation of group writing experiences; sentence completions; story sequencing

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<u>Handwriting</u>

- Correct posture, pencil hold, and paper placement
- Pre-writing skills; finger tracing and pencil tracking of left-to-right, vertical, horizontal, diagonal, zig-zag, and curved lines
- Uppercase and lowercase, Pre-Cursive alphabet; numbers 0–12

<u>Mathematics</u>

- Number recognition 0–20; counting to 100; shape recognition; pattern sequencing; color sequencing
- Calendar, clock, coins, measurement, dot patterns, number sets, number line, ordinals, fractions
- Positional words

Social Studies & Science

- Concepts of God's plan for the child and his family
- Patriotism, patriotic symbols, holidays
- Community helpers, transportation
- Environment: seasonal changes of plants and animals; animal families and animal homes
- Hands-on: experiments, cooking, weather, space, and magnets

Bible

- Explores the themes of God's love for all of His children
- Bible stories from both the Old and the New Testament
- Learn that the Bible is the source of all truth
- Uses Bible stories, Superbook episodes, and hands-on activities to reinforce concepts

Art, Motor, & Music

- Art suggestions and craft activities correlated with unit themes, as well as weekly CFS Art "Specials" Class
- Fine & gross motor development activities; games, action rhymes & songs, as well as weekly CFS P.E. "Specials" Class
- Songs, rhymes, and musical games, as well as weekly CFS Music "Specials" Class
- Additional music strand to complement lessons through movement, rhythm instruments, retelling of stories, games, and songs

