



WHAT TO EXPECT IN DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN

Within a secure and nurturing community, young children are taught foundational truths which foster spiritual, physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. Scripture is the basis for teaching, training, and instilling a love for God and learning. Thus, Early Education begins the journey for young children to discover who God is and who He has created us to be in Christ.

Developmental Kindergarten is designed for students who might benefit from an additional year of early learning or who miss the cut-off age for kindergarten. This class is open to students who turn five by October 31. Instruction is rooted in experiential learning with multi-sensory and play-based lessons, all taught through a biblical worldview. Students will grow in literacy, math, science, handwriting, and problem-solving skills, as well as social, emotional, and spiritual development which will prepare them for kindergarten the following year.

BIBLE

The Bible is the standard of absolute truth and the ultimate authority for all of life. Biblical instruction challenges students to come to know the God of the Bible, so that they develop a worldview centered on the gospel of Christ enabling them to live lives pleasing to Him.

Weekly study and memory verses will cover the following:

Names of God	Daniel
Prayer	Birth of Christ
Creation	Life and Ministry of Christ
The Fall and Sin	Death and Resurrection of Christ
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob	The Early Church
Moses	Paul and Silas
David	Christ's Return

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Mathematics is the language of God's precise and deliberate design. The study of mathematics enables students to understand and articulate the logic and patterns of God's created order, and reveals that He is a God of detail and purpose.

Daily lessons and investigations are carefully sequenced to incrementally develop a spectrum of skills and concepts.

Concepts include:	
Counting (1-100)	Place Value
Digit Recognition (1-100)	Number Sense and Numeration
Counting (by 2's, 5's and 10's)	Subitizing
Comparisons	Measurement
Shapes (2D & 3D)	Simple addition and subtraction
Patterns	Temperature
Sequencing (first, next and last)	Graphing
Calendar and Time	Money

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies is the unfolding story of God's story as He reveals Himself to man. Christians are called to remember and make known God's story to each generation in order to know Him, become ambassadors of reconciliation, and to participate in the biblical meta-narrative. Therefore, students examine the history, culture, government, geography, and economics of the world and our nation in order to equip them to impact culture as they participate in His story.

Concepts include:		
Pilgrims and Native Americans	Presidents	Valentine's Day
Martin Luther King Jr.	Christmas	Easter

SCIENCE

Science is the study of the natural world as spoken into existence by a creative God. Students study science in order to increase in knowledge of the Creator by means of exploring His design and purpose. This knowledge will prepare them to subdue and steward the physical world for the glory of God and the good of mankind.

Concepts include:

Observation
Question Asking
Predictions
Cause and Effect

Weather and Seasons
Sun, Moon and Stars
Plants
Five Senses

Life Cycles
Living Things vs. Non-Living Things
Animals

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

Language is God's gift to man in order to establish a relationship with Him and to live in community with one another. As a foundation to all other learning, the language arts are essential for thinking and communicating effectively, comprehending oral and written material, and developing a love for God's Word and other literature.

Concepts Include:

Fingerplays
Literature-Based Lessons
Print Awareness
Letter Formation
Alphabet (uppercase and lowercase)
Short Vowels
Long Vowels

Silent <e>
Phonemes
Graphemes
Digraphs
Rhyming
Syllables

Blends
Sound Discrimination
Word Discrimination
Initial, Medial, and Final Sound Identification
Compound Words
Sentences

ART

Art is God's gift to enchant, delight, and bring out creativity. The process of art expands a child's ability to interact with the world around them and provides a new set of skills for self-expression and communication. Art cultivates important skills that benefit a child's development.

Units include:

Painting
Drawing
Tracing
Stamping
Gluing
Cutting

Molding
Texture
Mixing Colors
Warm/Cool Colors
Self-Portraiture
Art History

SPECIALS

Chapel:

Chapel is held on Fridays at 8:30.

Combined Chapel is held the last Friday of the month at 9:20.

Special Classes:

Daily: Minds in Motion
Large Motor

Weekly: Music

Library
Spanish
Technology
Phonological Awareness

Programs:

Thanksgiving Feast
Christmas Program
Spring Play and Art Gallery
End of Year Celebration

Special Projects:

Field Trips (3)
Jerusalem Project to Visit Nursing Home
Hundred Day Celebration

