



KCS Preschool Curriculum aligns with the Early Learning Standards for the State of Indiana to prepare students for their next step (PK4 or Kindergarten)

Bible

We believe that students should get to know the God who loves them and has a plan for their lives! We utilize the *Gospel Project* curriculum on a two year rotation covering both Old and New Testament stories that point students to Jesus; the One in whom we place our hope!

Language Arts: Phonics

One week of the school year is dedicated to each letter of the alphabet and its sound. Stories, games, songs, and crafts introduce the alphabet to three-year olds. PK4's build on those skills and utilize *Wilson* phonics as they are emergent readers preparing for kindergarten.

Language Arts: Printing

Pencils, markers, crayons, and other various writing utensils are available to our students in our Writing Center for free play. We also use a variety of brushes at the easel and table. In class, each letter is "written" during the week using tactile materials like Play-Doh, cotton balls, sandpaper, marshmallows, etc. These activities strengthen fine motor skills, preparing little fingers to hold a pencil. PK4 students utilize all of the above as well as the fine motor portion of *Wilson Phonics* to write their name and form letters and words.

Language Arts: Reading

We love books in preschool! Students learn that print represents words. Children practice pre-reading skills by dictating stories to us, or sharing a book simply based on the pictures. We read many stories which relate to the subjects we're studying that week and partner with our middle school



students as “Reading Buddies” each week. Many students are reading words and simple sentences by the end of the year.

Mathematics

We read stories, sing songs, and play games to help children understand number sense. Numbers 1-100 are introduced. Students also learn to sort objects by color, shape, and size. They learn what a pattern is and practice making one of their own. They measure, add subtract, and count as high as they want to go!

STEM

We use our five senses to investigate and explore God’s creation. We were created to discover and are proud to be a part of a STEM certified school. We make predictions, run experiments, and draw conclusions using various materials. We are all engineers and scientists!

Social Studies

Families, emotions, friendship, self-regulation, relating to peers, being part of a group and learning empathy are all part of our Preschool curriculum. We use Max and Millie puppets at circle time and learning times to affirm diversity and emotional health in our classroom.

Specials

Our students are blessed to take part in art, P.E, music, and library each week. These specialized areas of instruction are an integral part of the curriculum and development of our students.