

Kindergarten Curriculum

Bible

Creation, Noah, patriarchs, Psalms, Christmas, miracles, parables, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Bible memory.

Language Arts

Letter and sound recognition; auditory and visual discrimination; beginning phonics; sight words; reading strategies; comprehension and fluency; write all upper and lower case letters; write words and sentences.

Math

Develop students' number sense; number recognition and writing to 20; count to 100 by ones, fives, and tens; patterning, sorting, graphing, time to the hour, shapes, simple addition/subtraction, coin names and values.

Science

Trees and leaves, solar system, coral reef, birds, insects, plants, our bodies.

Social Studies

Thankful living and giving, continents, post office, farm life, fire and bus safety.

Art

Finger painting, silhouettes, drawing, coloring, cutting, and pasting.

Music

Musical style and relationship to culture, intonation and diction, dynamics, percussion, rhythm and melody

Physical Education

Basic movement; run/tag games; manipulatives (hoops, bean bags, balls, scooters, parachute); ice skating; rope jumping; tumbling/balance beam; fitness; recreational games.

1st Grade Curriculum

Bible

Creation, patriarchs, from slavery to the Promised Land, Judges, Ruth, the early monarchy through the division of the kingdom, Elisha and Elijah, captivity and return, life of Jesus, early church; Bible memory.

Language Arts

Expand on phonics skills; guided reading; review and expand on reading strategies; introduction to the writing process; writing activities include captions, alphabet book, friendly notes and cards, personal narratives, journals, classroom report, poetry; beginning grammar skills; capitalization and punctuation; beginning parts of speech.

Math

Number value, number writing, addition and subtraction facts from 0-18, money, time, geometry, fractions, measuring, sorting, place value, graphing; computation practice; critical thinking skills.

Science

Bees; plants; senses/emotions; weather/seasons; magnets; push/pull; animal habitats and classification; dental health; safety – bus, bike, fire, poisons.

Social Studies

Town and country, city and suburb; Christmas around the world; Washington, D.C.; map skills.

Art

Production, evaluation, and enjoyment of the visual arts; contour line drawings, paper cutouts, mixed media collages, landscape painting, stamping/ printmaking, clay sculptures; art history – Matisse, Kandinsky, Picasso, Johnson, Bruegel, Carle, Anasazi culture, Japanese landscapes.

Music

Musical style and relationship to culture, intonation and diction, dynamics, percussion, rhythm and melody, tempo, quarter and eighth notes, musical phrasing.

Physical Education

Basic movement, run/tag games, manipulatives, ice skating, rope jumping, tumbling/balance beam, fitness, recreational games.

2nd Grade Curriculum

Bible

Genesis through Kings; prophets speak to Israel and Judah; God preserves his people in exile and brings them back; life of Jesus; early church; Bible memory.

Language Arts

Phonics; vocabulary; decoding and reading for comprehension; use anthology for short stories, leveled books for guided reading, and novels for literature circles; writing includes book reports, counting books, journals, personal narratives, add-on stories, fables, research report, poetry; introduction to nouns, verbs, adjectives; extension of capitalization and punctuation skills.

Math

Addition and subtraction from 0-18; two-digit addition and subtraction; place value, money, measurement, time, graphing, geometry; emphasis on problem solving.

Science

Homes for living things, space and weather, exploring matter, plants, energy in motion (sound), nutrition.

Social Studies

Depending on others, map skills, knowing your family, living in our country, people who make a difference.

Art

Chalk pastel drawings, printmaking, portraits, still life painting, and clay sculptures; art history – Van Gogh, Klee, Rousseau, Rembrandt, Ringgold, Monet, and aboriginal art.

Music

Musical style and relationship to culture, intonation and diction, dynamics, percussion, rhythm and melody, sixteenth and half notes, articulation, mood.

Physical Education

Basic movement, run/tag games, manipulatives, ice skating, rope jumping, tumbling/balance beam, fitness, recreational games.

3rd Grade Curriculum

Bible

Review creation through Noah; life of Abraham through Judges with emphasis on the Israelites' journey to Canaan; Ruth; Bible memory.

Language Arts

Review phonics; decoding and reading for comprehension through predictions, inferences and characterization, main ideas, and drawing conclusions; read anthology, leveled books, and novels; writing includes book review, how-to paper, journals, friendly letter, personal narrative, realistic story, fantasy story, summary report, classroom report, free verse poem; focus on editing; grammar includes nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns, prefixes and suffixes, sentence structure and punctuation.

Math

Review of addition and subtraction facts, regrouping, multiple digit addition and subtraction, place value; introduction of multiplication and division from 0-18; decimals, geometry, measurement, graphs, money, fractions, time, problem solving.

Science

Ecosystems; heat/energy; light; rocks, minerals, and fossils; water and the water cycle; the human body; types of animals.

Social Studies

Map skills, landforms, Native Americans, government, westward movement.

Art

Transfer designs, painting in perspective, weaving, papier-maché sculpture, realistic drawing, and clay sculptures; art history – Warhol, Matisse, Lawrence, Adams, Navajo culture, Oaxacan art from Mexico, South American art, and Japanese art.

Music

Musical style and relationship to culture, intonation and diction, dynamics, percussion, rhythm and melody, themes, chords, patterns, syncopation, whole notes, 4/4 time.

Physical Education

Fitness; soccer, flag football, basketball, ice skating, volleyball; rhythms/-tinikling; gymnastics/tumbling; recreational games; track and field.

4th Grade Curriculum

Bible

Review how the Bible was written; review Genesis through Ruth; study Samuel, the Kings, and the prophets; Bible memory, including books of Old and New Testament.

Language Arts

Emphasis on independent reading and skill development; read anthology, leveled books, and novels; write book report and review, business letter, journals, personal narratives, tall-tale story, fantasy story, classroom report, summary report, persuasive essay, haiku, and lyric poem; grammar concepts include nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, and prepositions; review of simple sentences and introduction to compound sentences.

Math

Multiple digit addition and subtraction, division and multiplication of two-digit numbers; introduction to and practice with fractions and decimals; place value, beginning algebraic concepts, metric and standard measurement, problem-solving strategies, basic geometry concepts and vocabulary.

Science

Motion/forces at work, simple machines, physical properties of matter, heat and sound, planets and objects in space, nutrition, cells and fetal development.

Social Studies

Regions of the United States, Minnesota history, map skills.

Music

Musical style and relationship to culture, intonation and diction, dynamics, percussion, rhythm and melody, tone, instrument families, dotted quarter notes, upbeats.

Physical Education

Fitness; soccer, flag football, basketball, ice skating, volleyball; rhythms/-tinikling; gymnastics/tumbling; recreational games; track and field.

5th Grade Curriculum

Bible

Old Testament heroes of the faith; books of poetry and prophecy; life of Jesus – birth, early ministry, miracles, parables, death, resurrection, and ascension; Luke and the early church; New Testament letters; Bible memory.

Language Arts

Reading skill development; literature studies; write biography, book report and review, how-to report, interview, journals, personal narratives, realistic story, historical story, script for a play, summary report, classroom report, descriptive essay, poetry; review basic grammar concepts; review simple and compound sentences, introduction to complex sentences.

Math

Review of basic math facts and operations with emphasis on computational and problem-solving skills; fractions, geometry, graphing, measurement, decimals, problem solving strategies, place value; introduction of addition, subtraction, and multiplication of fractions; division with two-digit divisors.

Science

Cells/body systems, plants/plant processes, biomes/ecosystems, stewardship, matter/properties, atoms/elements, family life, drug/smoking prevention.

Social Studies

Map skills, immigration/multiculturalism, exploration, colonization, Civil War.

Music

Musical style and relationship to culture, intonation and diction, dynamics, percussion, rhythm and melody, vocal timbre, 6/8 time, dotted eighth and sixteenth notes.

Physical Education

Fitness; soccer, flag football, basketball, ice skating, volleyball; rhythms/-tinikling; gymnastics/tumbling; recreational games; track and field.