

Kindergarten at a Glance

Incoming Skills:

Before entering Kindergarten, your child should be able to:

- sit and listen to a story
- express ideas and feelings
- show respect for others
- know how to hold a pencil
- know how to use scissors

When leaving Kindergarten your child should be able to:

- identify alphabet letter names and sounds
- track print left to right
- utilize reading strategies- picture clues, patterns etc.
- recognize the difference between real and make-believe
- apply letter/sound knowledge to writing and reading simple words
- express ideas/thoughts through writing (using inventive spelling) and drawing or dictating stories
- print uppercase and lower case letters using penmanship
- identify & count to 20
- have calendar skills (days of weeks, names of months, number of days)
- tell time to the hour
- add and subtract numbers using objects up to ten
- name and describe shapes
- identify, describe and extend patterns
- understand Social Studies and Science concepts
- understand beginning Bible concepts and be able to retell Bible stories
- demonstrate good social skills

Kindergarten Curriculum Focus:

Reading/Language Arts-During Kindergarten your child will experience a rich variety of interesting stories for his grade level. The curriculum uses quality literature as well as a variety of songs, chants and rhymes to help your child learn how to read and write. Phonics, the learning of letter sounds, is interwoven throughout the curriculum.

Math-The Math curriculum consists of using manipulatives and models in order to learn math concepts. Students will learn to count and add basic numbers as well as learn about time, ordering, patterns and many other concepts. The math workbooks are colorful and provide opportunities for every student to learn.

Unit Studies:

Science

- Physical Science: Our Earth
- Life Science: Living vs. Non-living
- Life Science: Animals
- Physical Science: Tools
- Life Science: Five Senses
- Life Science: Health

Social Studies-

- Me Unit
- Friendship
- Mapping
- Study of America
- Safety- At Home
- International Month Study

Bible-During Kindergarten your child will study Bible Characters from the Old Testament and New Testament which show God's provision for salvation through Jesus

First Grade at a Glance

Incoming Skills:

Before entering First Grade, your child should be able to:

- identify letter names and sounds
- track print left to right
- utilize reading strategies
- apply letter/sound knowledge to writing and reading simple words
- express ideas/thoughts through writing and drawing
- print upper case and lower case letters
- identify & count to 20 or more
- tell time to the hour
- add & subtract numbers up to ten
- know and describe shapes and colors
- know, describe and extend patterns

When leaving First Grade, your child should be able to:

- utilize reading strategies
- apply letter/sound knowledge to writing and reading more complex words
- know the "word wall" words for first grade
- spell phonetically as well as begin to use standard spelling rules
- read alone for at least 10-15 minutes
- print upper and lower case letters neatly using D'Nealian handwriting
- write creatively using imagination while applying basic grammar rules: capitalization, complete sentences and punctuation.
- add and subtract to 20
- count to 100 by one's, two's, five's and ten's
- Solve simple story problems
- tell time to the hour and half hour
- read & understand simple instructions

First Grade Curriculum Focus:

Reading/Language Arts

- During First Grade students will embark on the wonderful world of reading. They will read "real" stories while also learning more about letter sound relationships and how letters fit together to form words, how words form sentences and so on.
- Many more phonic patterns will be introduced along with Word Families to increase the student's ability to read and to write.
- Reading Fluency and Comprehension will be a focus along with learning about strategies for reading such as looking for main idea, story order, predicting what might happen next etc.
- Grammar lessons will focus on using complete sentences and proper punctuation (periods, exclamation marks, quotation marks and commas)
- Students will be given many opportunities to explore creative writing

Math

Math will continue to build on concepts taught in kindergarten. Manipulatives will still be used to help the teaching of math concepts but students will begin to move from concrete principles to some abstract concepts.

Science

- Physical Science: Solids, Liquids & Gases
- Physical Science: Transportation
- Earth Science: Air, Sun, and Water
- Earth Science: Using Trash
- Life Science: Life Cycles

Social Studies

- Safety
- Mapping
- Communities
- Manners
- Occupations/Community Helpers
- International Month Study

Bible

During first grade, students will study the Old Testament chronologically up to Isaiah's Prophecy of Jesus. Then students will study the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Second Grade at a Glance

Incoming Skills:

Before entering Second Grade, your child should be able to:

- utilize reading strategies
- apply letter/sound knowledge to writing and reading more complex words
- know the "word wall" words for first grade
- spell phonetically as well as begin to use standard spelling rules
- print upper and lower case letters neatly using D'Nealian handwriting
- Write and read independently
- Add and subtract to 20
- Count to 100 by one's, two's, five's and ten's
- Tell time to the hour and half hour
- Work cooperatively in groups
- Be able to listen for longer stretches of time

When leaving Second Grade, your child should be able to:

- read simple chapter books
- recall details, characters, facts, order of a story
- know the "word wall" words for second grade
- read alone for at least 15-20 min.
- use standard spelling rules but also spell unknown words phonetically
- print legibly
- write with complete sentences using proper punctuation, grammar and capitalization.
- write a paragraph with topic sentence and supporting sentences
- add and Subtract math problems up to 3-digit numbers
- begin using the internet for guided research
- follow written and oral instructions independently

Second Grade Curriculum Focus:

Reading/Language Arts

- introduction to the writing process
- development of reading skills and strategies
- comprehension and making inferences
- capitalization and punctuation rules
- parts of a sentence and parts of speech
- development of vocabulary and spelling conventions

Math

- 2 and 3-digit addition and subtraction
- telling time: quarter to, quarter past
- geometry and measurement
- introduction to fractions, multiplication and division
- problem solving and estimation

Science

- Life Science: Body Systems
- Earth Science: Rocks & Soil
- Earth Science: Using Water
- Physical Science: How People Get Food
- Physical Science: Energy

Social Studies-

- Brief Overview of American History
- What Makes a Country?
- Mapping/Geography
- People Who Made a Difference
- Safety: Street Safety
- International Month Country Study

Bible

- Study Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection
- Calling of the Disciples
- Study Jesus' Miracles, His Parables, The Lord Supper and Palm Sunday

Third Grade at a Glance

Incoming Skills:

Before entering Third Grade, your child should be able to:

- Read grade level chapter books
- Write with complete sentences using proper punctuation, grammar and capitalization.
- Use standard spelling rules but also spell unknown words phonetically
- Print legibly
- Write a paragraph with topic sentence and supporting sentences
- Know the 2nd Grade Word Wall words
- Add and Subtract math problems up to 3-digit numbers
- Have an understanding of multiplication and division
- Follow written and oral instructions independently
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When leaving Third Grade, your child should be able to:

- read chapter books independently
- read alone for 20-25 minutes
- identify sentence parts
- spell sight words accurately and utilize decoding skills to read more difficult words
- know the word wall list for 3rd grade
- write grammatically correct sentences/paragraphs for different purposes: poetry, research, journals, letters, stories
- progress in writing organization: drafting, revising, proofreading
- write in cursive handwriting with fluency
- know basic facts through 10's for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- use a variety of strategies to solve mathematical problems
- work cooperatively with a partner/ in a group
- listen attentively in class

Third Grade Curriculum Focus:

Reading/Language Arts

- Third Grade continues to build on what students have learned in previous years using a rich collection of literature. Students will also read the novels, Stone Fox and Sarah, Plain and Tall as a class.
- Students will continue to learn more Word Wall words and utilize Word Families as well as other strategies to build spelling skills.
- Students will develop in their composition skills, writing in different genres and learning how to write reports.

Math

- 3 and 4-digit addition and subtraction
- Multiplication & Division facts
- Fractions: Add & Subtract like Fractions
- Decimals
- Place Value up to 99,999
- Number Sense
- Rounding Numbers up to 10,000
- Tell time to nearest minute
- Calculate elapsed time
- Use of data in a table or graph
- Determining Predictability of events
- Geometry: Solid & Plane Figures, Polygons, Congruence and Symmetry
- Measurement

Science

- Life Science: Classify Living Things
- Life Science: Support Systems
- Earth Science: Solar System
- Physical Science: Sound
- Earth Science: Using Land

Social Studies-

- Map & Geography Unit
- Java/Indonesia Study
- Change Over Time

Fourth Grade at a Glance

Incoming Skills:

Before entering Fourth Grade, your child should be able to:

- read grade level chapter books
- know the 3rd Grade Word Wall words
- know all Math Facts up to 10
- follow written and oral instructions independently
- write independently a basic paragraph using complete sentences and proper punctuation.
- write fluently in cursive handwriting
- utilize word families to spell words correctly
- know the 3rd grade Word Wall words

When leaving Fourth Grade, your child should be able to:

- read chapter books independently
- read alone for 25-30 minutes
- read and identify a variety of genres
- continue to be able to organize, draft, revise and proofread writing
- identify reasons for writing and use main idea
- use punctuation correctly
- spell multi-syllabic words
- discuss how the Bible came to be
- know all multiplication facts up to 12
- be able to divide problems up to 2-digit divisors
- begin to read and study independently in the content areas (Social Studies, Science, Bible etc.)

Fourth Grade Curriculum Focus:

Reading/Language Arts

- The Literature based reading program continues with some wonderful stories. Students will also read the following novels as a class: The Horse and His Boy, How to Eat Fried Worms, and
- Students will begin a more traditional spelling program in this grade. They will have a list of 20 words containing specific spelling rules/guidelines.
- Students will continue to develop in their composition skills by writing in different genres.

Math

- 4-digit addition and subtraction
- Multiplication facts up to 12
- Multi-digit multiplication problems
- Division Problems up to 2 digit divisors
- Fractions & Decimals
- Place Value up to 1,000,000
- Measurement
- Geometry

Science

- Life Science: Control Systems
- Earth Science: The Ocean
- Earth Science: Organisms and Environments
- Physical Science: Electricity
- Physical Science: Motion

Social Studies-

- Ancient Greece
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient China
- Mesopotamia
- International Month Study

Bible

- How the Bible Came to Us
- Divisions of the Bible

Fifth Grade at a Glance

Incoming Skills:

Before entering Fifth Grade, your child should be able to:

- read chapter books independently
- read alone for 25-30 minutes
- read fluently, comprehending the material
- write a clear story or essay
- identify reasons for writing and use main idea
- use punctuation & capitalization correctly
- spell multi-syllabic words
- recognize and use cursive letters
- discuss how the Bible came to be
- quickly recall all basic addition and subtraction math facts
- know all multiplication tables 1-12
- be able to divide problems with up to 2-digit divisors

When leaving Fifth Grade, your child should be able to:

- write a well-organized paragraph
- write a formal research paper using multiple sources
- read & appreciate a variety of literary genres
- use basic rules of capitalization and punctuation in writing
- proofread compositions
- multiply by 3-digit numbers
- divide by 2-digit divisors
- write and solve simple algebraic equations
- understand order of operations
- work with negative and positive integers
- classify basic geometric figures
- easily write in cursive
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Fifth Grade Curriculum Focus:

Reading/Language Arts

- Read anthology of stories & six chapter books
- Read library books and write reports
- Learning basic parts of speech
- Write stories, poems & different kinds of paragraphs
- Study grammar, punctuation & capitalization
- Research and write a formal 800-1,000 word research paper on a biographical subject
- Revise & edit compositions
- Apply rules of spelling and acquiring new vocabulary.

Math

- Add, subtract, multiply & divide whole numbers
- Work with fractions & decimals
- Write and solve algebraic equations
- Make a variety of graphs
- Understand order of operations
- Work with negative and positive integers
- Classify plane & solid geometric figures

Science

Units:

- Life Science: Transport Systems
- Earth Science: Landforms
- Earth Science: Atmosphere
- Physical Science: Inventions
- Physical Science: Light

Social Studies-

Units of Study:

- Ancient Rome
- Knights and Castles
- Renaissance and Reformation
- Age of Exploration
- International Month Study

Bible

Sixth Grade at a Glance

Incoming Skills:

Before entering Sixth Grade, your child should be able to:

- write an organized paragraph
- write a research report
- proofread compositions
- identify subject and predicate (simple and complete)
- read for pleasure, fiction and non-fiction
- read for information
- use basic rules for capitalization, punctuation and grammar
- multiply by 3-digit numbers
- divide by 2-digit divisors
- understand order of operations
- write and solve algebraic equations
- write in cursive

When leaving Sixth Grade, your child should be able to:

- write a persuasive essay
- write a research report
- spell technical and multi-syllabic words
- identify simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences
- speak and read orally with effective tone, pitch and pace
- write well-organized, clear answers to essay questions
- read and study independently in the content areas (social studies, science etc.)
- use basic computer and computer keyboarding skills
- add, subtract, multiply & divide fractions & mixed numbers
- solve algebraic equations
- know how to compute ratio, proportion, percent and probability
- collect and organize data on a graph

Sixth Grade Curriculum Focus:

Reading/Language Arts

- Comprehension of all types of literature
- Comprehensive study of literary elements and reading strategies
- Continued development of vocabulary
- Spelling, writing mechanics, and grammar

Math

- Fractions-Add & Subtract, Mixed Numbers, Multiply & Divide
- Collect & Organize Data, Using Graphs
- Algebra: Number Relationships and Operations with Integers, Equations
- Geometry and Spatial Reasoning
- Ratio & Proportion, Percent & Probability
- Measurement: Length, Perimeter, Area, Volume,

Science

Units:

- Life Science: Human Development
- Earth Science: The Universe
- Earth Science: Biodiversity
- Physical Science: Matter
- Life Science: The Cell

Skills:

- Inquiry skills
- Content Reading
- Discerning between fact and theory
- Scientific Method
- Study Skills

Social Studies-

- American History and Geography
- Content Reading
- Vocabulary
- Comprehending Graphic Aids
- Study Skills
- International Month Study