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Kindergarten Overview

Bible

Primary goals are to present a Biblical world view through basic understanding of Old and New Testament stories, as well as understanding and applying God's truths throughout the day. Weekly scripture memory is applied to plant God's Word firmly in the heart and mind of the child. Our curriculum, ***Bible Truths***, published by BJU Press, begins with Creation and continues chronologically, studying themes which include the life of Christ Jesus. Music and visual patterns augment the written curriculum to bring greater understanding and enjoyment to the lessons.

Language Arts

The **Kindergarten Beginnings** package is a students' springboard into a lasting and enthusiastic relationship with reading, writing, and much more. Also published by BJU, the sprightly presentation and creative attention to detail help children readily assimilate phonics, listening, and reading comprehension, science, heritage studies, and literature lessons. Songs, charts, activities are just a few of the ingredients in the recipe for future academic success and will build a foundation that encourages reading for pleasure.

In ***D'Nealian Handwriting***, by Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley, students explore the beginning of written letters. Letters are formed with a continuous stroke so there are few pencil lifts and better legibility. Common reversals are minimized with different starting points for letters such as b and d. Letters with a similar starting point and beginning stroke are taught in families to simplify letter formation.

Mathematics

Students will work in the following number concepts areas: counting and recognizing 1 - 100, number families, before and after, smallest to largest, counting by 5's and 10's, combinations for the 1 - 10 addition families, telling time, and name and value of coins. ***Math K-5***, by Bob Jones University (BJU), is the curriculum used.

Science

Thematic teaching provides a simple and exciting introduction to God's plan for the universe and God's plan for the children's lives. The goal is to show the amazing wonders of God's design in this world He has created. Examples of some of the themes are: God's animal creatures, how plants grow, the importance of our five senses, good nutrition for our bodies, and keeping our teeth healthy.

Spelling

Spelling Connections by Zaner-Bloser, teaches students to make the right connections for learning. Through the year students learn valuable spelling patterns and strategies. Students are also taught to retain more of their learning with practical study tools and activities. These learning focal points work together to enable the student to transfer more spelling knowledge for success in reading, writing, and test taking.

Enrichment Classes

Additional courses in music, physical education, and library enhance the education offered in Kindergarten at Willamette Christian School.