Achievement Testing

Students in kindergarten take a standardized test in the spring. Our Kindergartners typically score significantly above the national average as well as above the regional average in all the subtests administered.



Summer Suggestions

- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr., and John Archambault
- Bob Books by Bobby Lynn Maslen
- Nursery rhymes and fairy tales
- Decodable readers that can be sounded out. Scholastic.com is a good resource for decodable readers



Kindergarten Highlights

Bible: Biblical knowledge and a love for the Lord taught and modeled through scripture memory verses, Bible stories, weekly chapel worship, and prayer

Language Arts: Strong phonics, reading, and handwriting program combined with learning to read and comprehending literature.

Specials: Art, music, P.E., and library

Field Trips: Christmas tree farm, Nutcracker Ballet, and movie theater

Community: Events are planned during the year to provide opportunities for families to build community and friendships

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Kindergarten



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Kindergarten Readiness Areas

Colors, Shapes, Numbers and Time

- Recognize primary colors
- Basic shapes: triangles, circles, squares, and rectangles
- Recognize numbers
- Count to ten
- Count objects
- Understand day and night
- Know age and birthday

Reading Readiness

- Repeat a 6-8 word sentence
- Identify letters and sounds of the alphabet (upper and lower case)
- · Identify own first name in writing
- Print first name correctly
- Pretend to read (has been read to often)
- Answer questions about a short story
- Look at pictures and tell a story
- Understand words are read from left to right
- Recite some nursery rhymes
- Define simple words



Listening and Sequencing

- Follow simple directions
- Pay attention
- Retell a simple story in sequence
- Repeat a sequence of sounds/numbers

Social and Emotional

- Express self verbally
- Identify other children by name
- Share with others
- Get along with others
- Maintain self-control
- Look forward to going to school
- · Recognize authority
- Help with family chores
- Take care of toilet needs independently
- Care of own belongings
- Put toys away
- Eat lunch with minimal assistance
- Dress self, brush teeth
- Can be away from parents 4-6 hours

My Child Knows

Own first and last name, parents' names, address, phone number, when and how to use a tissue, own gender and parts of the body.

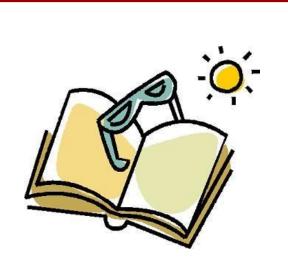
Know Size, Position and Direction

Examples: big and little, long and short, up and down, in and out, front and back, over and under, hot and cold, empty and full, more and less, fast and slow, top and bottom

Motor Skills

- Run, skip, march, jump, hop
- Walk a straight line
- Walk downstairs using alternate feet
- Stand on one foot for ten seconds
- Walk backwards for five feet
- Throw a ball
- Clap hands
- Is learning how to tie shoes
- Button clothes
- Zip clothes
- Build with blocks
- Complete a simple five piece puzzle
- Draw or color beyond a simple scribble
- Control pencil and crayon well
- Paste a picture on paper
- Handle scissors
- Cut and draw simple shapes





Summer Suggestions

Read approximately 20 minutes a day and discuss what is read.

Phonetic and leveled readers

Book 1 Vacation Stations: Beyond the

Back Door

By Bob Jones University Press

Practice Math Speed Drills at afterschoolhelp.com (under math tab)

Overall Distinctive Elements

Bible: Biblical worldview and prayer integrated throughout subjects, classes, and weekly chapel worship. Students memorize monthly scriptures as part of their required Bible class.

English Language Arts: Pumpkin storybook project. Reading buddies with older students.

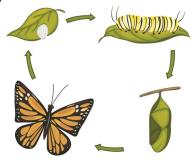
Science: Butterfly hatching and handson science activities

Math: 100th day of school activities

Special Events: Star of the week, 100th day activities, and games to reinforce academic concepts

Specials: Music, art, library, and physical education

Field Trips: NASA Space Center and Joy the Dog



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First Grade



We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child's educational training. We look forward to partnering with your family to provide a quality Christcentered classroom environment, in which your child will be nurtured for academic and spiritual growth. You can expect reading homework and prepare to spend this quality time with your child to propel their growth. Our first grade faculty have provided the following prerequisites for children preparing to enter our program. Please contact our school office if you have any questions.





Math Prerequisites

- Count forward and backward to 20
- Read and write whole number words 1-10
- Read and write numbers 1-20
- Count a set of objects up to 20
- Generate a number that is one more than or less than another number up to 20
- Model the action of joining to represent addition and separating to represent subtraction
- Solve word problems using objects and drawings to find sums up to 10 and differences within 10
- Identify U.S. coins by name
- Identify basic shapes
- Count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's to 100 and identify missing numbers
- Recognize and finish patterns
- Tell time to the hour
- Patterning

Language Arts Prerequisites

- Recognize and write all upper and lowercase letters
- Recognize long and short vowel sounds and consonants: beginning and ending sounds
- Decode words: dad, beg, did, pig, hum, back, bell, job, fun, went, etc.
- Apply capitalization rule for beginning of sentences and names
- Recognize rhyming words
- Punctuation
- Word Families
- Special Vowels and R influenced vowels: oo, ou, oi, au, er, ar, or, Initial Consonant Blends: bl, br, er, fr, sl, st, tw
- Initial Consonant Digraphs: ch, sh, th, wh
- High-Frequency Words: here, mother, the, come, for, to, put, what, have, you, etc.
- Read simple sentences and predict what will happen next



Summer Suggestions

Read approximately <u>20 minutes a day</u> and discuss what is read.

Read chapter books such as the Calendar Mysteries, Flat Stanley, Cam Jansen, Nancy Drew, and Magic Tree House.

Book 2 Vacation Stations: Wheel
Westward
by Bob Jones University Press

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Second Grade



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Math Prerequisites

- Write, compare, and order numbers to 99
- Recognize place value
- Identify coins and count mixed coins up to \$1.00
- Identify fractions: 1/2, 1/3, 1/4
- Know addition and subtraction families through 12
- Add and subtract two-digit numbers
- Identify even and odd numbers
- Count by 2s, 5s, and 10s
- Measure in inches
- Read time to the hour, half hour, and quarter hour
- Draw conclusions and answer questions using graphs
- Solve written problems with clue words such as "in all" and "are left"



Language Arts Prerequisites

- Read and comprehend on gradelevel orally and silently
- Sustain silent reading for 20 minutes
- Compare and contrast stories
- Identify the main character and the main idea of a passage
- Sequence events in a story
- Make predictions about a passage or story
- Summarize a passage or story
- Identify short and long vowels and their sounds
- Write a complete sentence with capital lettering and appropriate punctuation
- Recognize compound words
- Recognize rhyming words
- Alphabetize words to the second letter
- Recognize synonyms and antonyms
- Write contractions using not

Overall Distinctive Elements

Bible: Biblical worldview and prayer integrated throughout subjects, classes, and weekly chapel worship. Students memorize monthly scriptures as part of Bible class.

Science: Animal diorama with report

Math: Multiplication and division facts to 5; Subtraction with regrouping to the thousands place

Language Arts: Reading and comprehension, cursive handwriting, letter, and creative journal writing

History: State research project and written report

Specials: Art, music, Spanish, library, physical education and recess

Field Trips: Children's Museum and Main Street Theater



Summer Reading Requirement

Cam Jansen and the Tennis Trophy Mystery

by David A. Adler ISBN: 9780142402900

Students are to read the book, print and complete the assignment from the school's website. Bring the assignment to class the first week of school.

Summer Suggestions

Read approximately <u>20 minutes a day</u> and discuss what they read.

Practice Math Speed Drills at afterschoolhelp.com (under math tab)

Book 3 *Vacation Stations: Ocean Expedition* by Bob Jones University Press





Overall Distinctive Elements

Bible: Biblical worldview and prayer integrated throughout subjects, classes, and weekly chapel worship. Students memorize monthly scriptures as part of Bible class.

English Language Arts: Cursive handwriting, chapter books, and applying the writing process for multiple genres of writing

Science: Animal research project

Math: Multiplication, division tables (0-12) and long division

History: Early American history emphasis and Timeline Project

Specials: Art, music, Spanish, library and P.E.

Field trips: Crocodile Encounter, The Grand, and Minute Maid Tour

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Third Grade



We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child's educational training. We look forward to partnering with your family to provide a quality, Christ-centered classroom environment in which your child will be nurtured for academic and spiritual growth. Our third grade faculty have provided the following prerequisite areas, which we hope will be beneficial for children entering our program. Please contact our school office if you have any questions.

Reading Prerequisites

- Listen and respond properly to directions, questions, stories, poems, and presentations
- Know and apply K-2nd grade sight words and read grade level words
- Use phonics skills, word parts, and context clues to read words of multiple syllables
- Show understanding of stories by sequencing events, recalling, and locating details



Language Arts Prerequisites

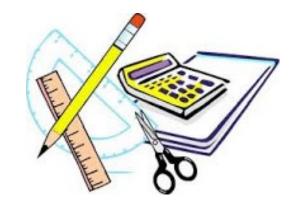
- Write legibly with appropriate letter formation and spacing in both cursive and print
- Spell second grade level words
- Write complete sentences with correct capitalization, correct subject/ verb agreement
- Use punctuation correctly: periods in abbreviations, commas in dates, apostrophes in contractions
- Divide simple sentences into subject and predicate parts
- Identify nouns in sentences

Measurement Prerequisites

- Measure to the nearest half inch
- Round numbers to nearest ten
- Round money to nearest dollar
- Count mixed coins up to \$1
- Know English linear measures: inches, feet, and yards
- Metric linear measures: millimeters, centimeters, and meters
- Customary liquid measure: cups, pints, quarts, and gallons
- Identify Roman numerals I XX
- Tell time in hours and minutes

Math Prerequisites

- Addition and subtraction facts through the sum of 18 and adding doubles to 24 fluently and rapidly: 3+3, 8+8, 11+11
- Recognize numbers that add to 10
- Compare numbers through 999 using >, <, and =
- Order 3 digit numbers from least to greatest
- Identify numbers that are before given numbers, up to 999
- Know addition and subtraction fact families: 5+4=9 9-4=5 4+5=9 9-5=4
- Count by 2's, 5's and 10's to 200
- Solve 2-digit addition and subtraction problems with and without regrouping
- Add and subtract 3-digit numbers
- Solve addition and subtraction 1-step word problems
- Understand concept of multiplication and division





Distinctive Elements

Fourth grade begins a rotational class schedule for specialized content instruction.

Bible: Biblical worldview and prayer integrated throughout subjects, classes, and weekly chapel worship. Students memorize monthly scriptures as part of Bible class.

Science: Collaborative animal research project, marine mobiles, dry ice experiment, and stem rotations

Math: Polygon art and STEAM activities

Language Arts: Lap books, novel unit studies, and various writing styles developed

History: Texas history, interactive notebooks, family heritage study, and frontier day

Specials: Art, music, Spanish, library, P.E., and recess

Field Trips: George Ranch, movie theater

Summer Reading Assignment

Misty of Chincoteague

by Marguerite Henry ISBN: 9781416927839

Students are to read the book, print, and complete the short survey assignment from the school's website. Bring the assignment to class the first week of school.

Summer Suggestions

Read approximately <u>20 minutes a day and</u> <u>discuss what is read</u>.

Practice Math Speed Drills at afterschoolhelp.com (under math tab)

Book 4 *Vacation Stations: Jungle Journey* by Bob Jones University Press



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Fourth Grade



We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child's educational training. We look forward to partnering with your family to provide a quality, Christ-centered classroom environment in which your child will be nurtured for academic and spiritual growth. Our fourth grade faculty have provided the following prerequisites, which we hope will be beneficial for children preparing to enter our program. Please contact the office with any questions.

Math Prerequisites

- All multiplication and division facts through the 12 table
- 95% accuracy on 5 minute 100 problem multiplication fact drill upon entry
- Understand fact family relationships
- Add and subtract three-digit numbers with and without regrouping
- Read, write, and identify place values for numbers through 999,999
- Compare (>, < and =) and order numbers through 9,999
- Round two and three-digit numbers
- Solve and write multiplication problems with one-digit multipliers: 8762 x 7 =
- Solve long division problems with and without remainders
- Fractions: Use objects to identify, construct, and compare fractional parts of a whole or sets of objects



Time, Money, and Measurement

- Determine the value of a collection of coins and bills
- Tell time to the minute
- Calculate beginning and ending times and elapsed times in the context of story problems
- Determine values of money using story problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
 - ⇒ Henry bought a dozen eggs for \$2.89. How much change did he receive from \$5.00?
 - ⇒ How much did Ella earn by selling 360 necklaces for eight cents each?
- Identify measures and their equivalents including cups, pints, quarts, gallons, inches, feet, yards, miles, millimeters, centimeters, meters, and kilometers

Language Arts Prerequisites

- Listen attentively and follow multi-step oral directions
- Read and comprehend on grade-level both silently and independently
- Read independently for a sustained time and summarize/retell what was read
- Determine main idea of what is read
- Show understanding of reading by putting events in order, recognizing character traits, making predictions, and supporting inferences with textual evidence
- Recognize new words using phonics skills, prior knowledge, and context clues
- Complete all work using correct cursive letter formation and spacing on notebook paper
- Spell words accurately in written assignments
- Understand and identify nouns and verbs in sentences
- Write paragraphs with complete sentences using correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization
- Use prewriting, drafting, and revising strategies in developing written products
- Know birthday, city, and state of birth
- Know current street address, city, and zip code



Summer Reading Requirement

Trouble at Silver Pines Inn by Gloria Repp ISBN: 9781579240004

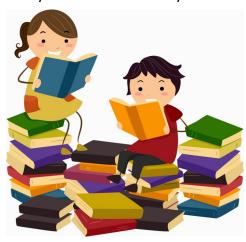
Students are to read the book, print and complete the assignment from the school's website. Bring the assignment to class the first week of school. There will be discussions, assignments, and assessments related to this book during the first month back at school.

Summer Suggestions

Read a minimum of <u>20 minutes a day</u> and work towards mastery in all <u>basic math</u> <u>facts</u>: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division through 12.

Practice Math Speed Drills at afterschoolhelp.com under math subject.

Book 5 *Vacation Stations: Polar Explorer* by Bob Jones University Press



Overall Distinctive Elements

Rotational class schedule for specialized content instruction. Hands-on, simulations and project based learning

Bible: Biblical worldview and prayer integrated throughout subjects, classes, and weekly chapel worship. Students memorize monthly scriptures as part of Bible class.

Cross curricular events: Living history museum and "glow days"

Science: Classroom pets, science fair project, dissecting owl pellets

Math: Geometry blueprints and gingerbread house, fractions with ice cream and budgeting

Specials: Band, orchestra or art/music/ Spanish, and P.E. everyday

Service: Create and donate blankets for foster kids at Christmas

Field trips: NASA Longhorn Project and dinosaur wash

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Fifth Grade



We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child's educational training. We look forward to partnering with your family to provide a quality, Christ-centered classroom environment in which your child will be nurtured for academic and spiritual growth. Our fifth grade faculty have provided the following readiness areas, which we hope will be beneficial for students preparing to enter our program. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Language Arts Prerequisites

- Listen and respond attentively to speakers, presentations, questions and multiple-step oral directions
- Use correct grammar when speaking and writing. Identify parts of speech.
- Summarize and retell what was read (main idea)
- Read and recognize different text genre: fiction, nonfiction, fantasy, and drama
- Monitor comprehension by putting events in order, recognize character traits, making predictions, and supporting inferences with textual evidence
- Recognize new words using phonics skills, prior knowledge, and context clues to develop an understanding of word meanings. Correctly spell grade level words.
- Use proper cursive letter formation and spacing



Math Prerequisites

- Fluency with all basic math facts: addition, subtraction; multiplication, and division facts up through 12
- · Divide/check with two-digit divisors
- Add and subtract decimals
- Understand the relationship between fractions and decimals (Ex: .7=7/10)
- Add, subtract, and simplify fractions with like and unlike denominators
- Solve perimeter and area problems
- Identify lines, angles, rays, and other basic geometric terms
- Read and write decimals to the hundredths place in word and number form (Ex: .52 = fifty-two hundredths)
- Read, write, and identify place value to hundred thousands
- Identify metric prefixes and their value (Ex: Kilo=1,000)
- Estimate and measure using customary and metric units
- Write a number in word and number form (Ex: 386=three hundred eighty-six)
- Use proper grade level math vocabulary

Behavior Expectations

- Demonstrate personal responsibility for backpack, lunch, instruments, as well as assignments, supplies, and books needed daily for class
- Demonstrate self control in classroom and hallways
- Demonstrate respect for authority and others in a Christ-like manner
- Demonstrate Christ's love when dealing with friendships and conflict





Summer Reading Requirement

Wonder by R.J. Palacio ISBN: 78-0375869020

Students are to read the book, print and complete the assignment from the school's website. Bring the assignment to class the first week of school. There will be class discussions, assignments, and assessments related to this book during the first weeks at school.

Summer Suggestions

Read a minimum of <u>20 minutes a day</u> during the summer.

Practice Math Speed Drills at afterschoolhelp.com under math subject.

Book 6 Vacation Stations: Outback Odyssey by Bob Jones University Press

Summer Activities

Camps are typically available for students entering the 6th grade: swim, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and football camps



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Sixth Grade



We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child's educational training. We look forward to partnering with your family to provide a quality, Christ-centered classroom environment in which your child will be nurtured for academic and spiritual growth. Our sixth grade faculty have provided the following prerequisites, which we hope will be beneficial for students preparing to enter our program. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Language Arts Prerequisites

- Read silently and independently daily for a sustained time. Summarize what was read. Determine the main idea.
- Display reading comprehension of grade level material by sequencing events, recognizing character traits, making predictions with deductive reasoning, and supporting inferences with textual evidence
- Use correct grammar when speaking and writing
- Write with well-developed sentences and paragraphs that are correct grammatically and in structure in cursive
- Utilize synonyms, antonyms, similes, metaphors, homophones, and analogies to build vocabulary and writing depth
- Use prewriting and revising strategies in developing written products
- Edit writing with knowledge of spelling, punctuation, parts of speech, and grammar
- Employ and discuss symbolism and personification in writing and literature

Math Prerequisites

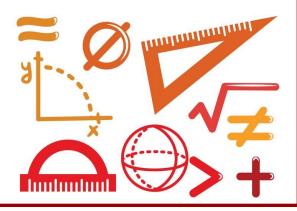
- Identify, measure, and convert units of length, capacity, and mass into customary and metric units
- Determine the perimeter of polygons and the area of squares and rectangles
- Exercise proper, grade-level math vocabulary
- Perform operations correctly using whole numbers, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, and formulas of geometry

Academic Expectations

- Condense coursework and instructional materials through note taking, outlines, and summaries
- Use research skills in history and science
- Apply and use the scientific method

Behavior Expectations

- Demonstrate a high level of respect, selfcontrol, responsibility and character as a reflection of Christ's love for others and the school
- Listen and respond attentively to multiple-step oral directions, questions, speakers, and presentations



Overall Distinctive Elements

Hallway lockers. Rotational class schedule for specialized content instruction. Hands-on, simulations and cross-curricular project based learning.

Bible: Biblical worldview and prayer and worship integrated throughout subjects, classes, and weekly chapel. Students memorize monthly scriptures with application lessons as part of Bible class.

Science: Cell, volcano, brain, DNA extraction, animal classification and space objects projects

Math: Proportional reasoning, percent, finance, Christmas village and tessellation geometry projects

Language Arts: Turkey story, historical, missionary research, and *Wonder* yearbook projects.

History: Mosaics and create own country projects

Specials: Band, orchestra or art/music/ Spanish, P.E. everyday

Sports offered: Baseball, basketball, cross country, softball, swimming, and volleyball

Field Trips: Zoo, Go Texan Day, and Signature overnight trip to Camp Olympia