## TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# Kindergarten Curriculum

Trinity Christian School is committed to providing a safe and caring environment where children can receive a quality education from a biblical worldview, while developing thinking and articulate students. We are devoted to fusing faith and learning in such a way that each student is practically equipped to face their future and become a life-long learner.

At the core of academic excellence is the role of the classroom teacher. Trinity Christian School seeks the most qualified teachers, who have a love for their students and a passion for teaching. All of our teachers are state certified and are devoted followers of Christ, who teach truth from a biblical perspective.

## Mathematics: Purposeful Design

• Beginning math skills through an activity-based approach to developing concepts with the use of a variety of manipulatives • Recognizes, counts and writes numbers 0-30 • Patterning • Recognize the penny, nickel, dime, and quarter • Skip counting by 5s and 10s • Rote counting • Two and three-dimensional shapes • Compare sets of numbers • Solve addition and subtraction problems • Measurement • Telling time to hour and half-hour • Identify/recognize equal and non-equal parts

## Language Arts: Purposeful Design

• Learn to recognize each letter and sound of the alphabet • Learn to write all the uppercase and lowercase letters from memory • Blend letters to make words • Write words using the phonetic sounds • Proper letter formation • Read phonetic readers and beginning comprehension • Memorize sight words • Accelerated Reader, as appropriate • Journal writing • Rhyming words • Literature Study Units such as: *The Mitten*, and *Gingerbread Man* • In-depth book studies and activities involving numerous children's literature selections

#### **Bible: Positive Action for Christ**

• Creation • Old Testament stories • Miracles of Jesus • Birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus • Memorize a Bible verse each week

### Social Studies: Little Thinkers

Two-three lessons weekly

 $\bullet \mbox{Citizenship } \bullet \mbox{Then and Now} \bullet \mbox{Pilgrims and Native Americans } \bullet \mbox{Holidays Around the World } \bullet \mbox{My Community} \bullet \mbox{Our World } \bullet \mbox{Americans}$ 

### Science: Little Thinkers

Two-three lessons weekly

• Five Senses • Seasons and Weather • Plants • Animals • Winter Animals and Hibernation

### Computers: Easy Tech

Our curriculum covers 12 essential skills of digital literacy including: computer fundamentals, coding, keyboarding, online safety and digital citizenship, computational thinking, multimedia, internet usage and online communication, visual mapping, word processing, spreadsheets, databases and presentations.



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## **Art: The Art of Education**

• Elements of design: line, shape, color, value, texture, form, and space • Media: different media and techniques in artwork from around the world (painting, drawing, cutting, gluing, sculpting [slab technique]), and mixed media • Skills: create artwork using observation, problem solving, design, sketching, and construction • Create using color value, color schemes (complementary colors) • Create art that communicates ideas based on imagination, recall, and observation • Identify and describe the elements of two and three-dimensional form • Recognize that visual arts are part of various cultures' history • Knowledge of foreground, middle ground, background, and horizon line

## Spanish: Spanish for You

Our Spanish curriculum is designed to build foundations in the Spanish language for learners in grades K-5. Students learn vocabulary useful in everyday life, verbs and present-tense conjugation, and grammar concepts as components of language they can put together in different ways to speak, read, and write in Spanish.

## Music: Share the Music

• Identify loud and soft, high and low, fast and slow sounds in music • Respond to music, musical and rhythmic chants in a variety of ways • Echo • Keep the beat, using rhythm instruments and various parts of the body • Rhythm instruments: sticks, bells, and drums

## Library

• Students are introduced to understanding the resources of the library with weekly visits. They are able to check out two books per week and can renew them twice.

### **Physical Education**

• Develop team-building skills by working with others through physical activity • Understand principles of health promotion and the prevention and treatment of illness and injury • Students will perform loco motor, non-loco motor and manipulative skills at a utilization level, show fundamental components of healthy living, and use appropriate skills in team, group and individual activities • Introduced to basic fundamental skills of various team sports and other health-enhancing activities • During all activities, recreational play verses competitive play and good sportsmanship are continually fostered and encouraged

### **Performances**

• Christmas Program • Chapel • Grandparents' Day

# 2022-2023 Kindergarten Test Scores lowa Assessment

Please contact our Director of Education if you have any questions.

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## **NP of Mean NCE**

This means, a student whose NP is 72, scored higher than 72 percent of the fourth grade students nationally who also took the test. NP scores are useful for comparing local student achievement to students' achievement at the national level.

Reading	Math	Language
83	79	92