

Kindergarten Curriculum

Phonics and Reading

The kindergarten reading curriculum, Sing, Spell, Read & Write, uses phonics songs, interactive charts, and games to teach the alphabetic principle, phonemic awareness, sound/letter correspondence, short vowel sounds, and blending ... all in a fun and meaningful way! By the end of kindergarten, most students will be reading fully decodable story books with single short-vowel words.

Our program also incorporates guided reading, word families, Dolch sight words, Visualization and Verbalization, and handwriting. We use the Zaner-Bloser handwriting curriculum with workbooks which allow students to practice formation of letters and correct pencil grip. They begin with lines and circles, focusing on directional skills, then progress to upper-and lowercase letters. Minor punctuation is also addressed and inventive spelling is encouraged as phonics skills improve.

Math

The kindergarten math curriculum focuses mainly on manipulative activities during the beginning of the year. We use Singapore Math as a skeleton curriculum on which to build. Additional materials include teacher-made games and activities, as well as occasional Abeka curriculum materials. Emphasis is on number sense and mathematical thinking plus rote math skills like counting, numeral writing, etc. Whenever appropriate, music is used to help children learn basic math skills.

Bible

The Abeka Bible curriculum is used to teach stories about Old Testament characters, and the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Students also attend weekly chapel services conducted by teachers and HVCC church staff.

Science

The science curriculum introduces the scientific method in ways kindergarteners can easily understand—make a guess, test your theory, and record your results. We learn what scientists do, then we become scientists ourselves, studying the power of the sun, five senses, living vs. nonliving things, states of matter, and forces of motion. Additional units include various animal studies, rocks and minerals, and life cycles of plants and butterflies. Whenever possible and appropriate, STEM activities are incorporated.

Social Studies

The social studies curriculum focuses on students' awareness of the world around them. K5 students build upon their experiences with their families, schools, and communities as an introduction to social studies. Lessons center around five disciplines: culture, economics, geography, government, and history. Units include all about me, fire safety, community/citizenship, Native Americans, America's first settlers, symbols of our country, and map studies. Weekly Readers enhance learning in these areas. Kindergarten also examine South America as part of a school-wide World's Fair continent study.

Specials

HVCS kindergarten students enjoy weekly classes in computer, physical education, music, library, art, and drama.