

## Each Day

Kindergarteners have a take-home folder which includes graded work, a weekly newsletter and student's monthly behavior chart. Parents sign the folder and return it each day.

To help with the transition into kindergarten, parents are given the "ABC's of Kindergarten" which addresses kindergarten needs and procedures.

## Classroom Parties

We celebrate Christmas, Valentine's, Easter and an End of the Year party each year. Our parties are coordinated by the class "room mom" and planned by parent volunteers.

For birthday celebrations, students may bring a snack to share. The time and day must be pre-arranged with the teacher.

TCA policy does not allow siblings to attend class parties.

## Field Trips

Kindergarten students take field trips to Autumn Hill Manor, Fort Worth Stock Show, Kindergarten Rodeo, and The Fort Worth Zoo.

Approved drivers take students in booster seats to the events. Permission slips will be sent home with all information concerning field trips.

TCA policy does not allow siblings to participate in class field trips.

## Homework

At this stage in your child's development it is important for parents to be actively involved in student's homework. This includes helping the child by providing time, supplies and an area free from distractions where children can build good study habits, organizational skills and responsibility. Homework will be assigned to reinforce concepts and skills taught in the classroom. Additionally, work not completed in class may be sent as homework as well as special class projects. Per TCA policy, a student has one day for every day absent to return his completed make-up assignments. Kindergarteners homework is typically time spent reading their take-home book and memorizing a weekly Bible verse. Nightly homework requires approximately 20 minutes of work at home.

## Kindergarten Hours

8:20-3:05 Mon-Fri

Early Bird Before School Care-7:30-8:10  
Eagles Nest After School Care-3:35-6:00

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## Welcome to



## Kindergarten

Trinity Christian Academy is dedicated to developing excellence in education, character, and servant leadership through a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten at Trinity Christian Academy is filled with friends, learning and discovery. Students grow in their abilities to read, write and problem solve. Through traditional and hands-on-learning, Kindergartners explore every subject though a Christian worldview using Bible-Based curriculum. Below are some distinctives of Kindergarten at TCA:

- Small class size (1 teacher per 18 students)
- Bible-based curriculum
- Traditional classrooms which allow for whole group instruction, peer learning and discovery centers
- Weekly chapel
- Field trips
- Bible buddies
- Enrichment classes
- Required entrance testing
- Spring achievement testing

## Enrichment Classes

Students attend Spanish, computer, library, music and PE twice a week. Students will attend art class once per week.

## Mission Projects

In order to teach Christian service, each teacher will select a classroom mission project for the year. Teachers explain the project to students and make arrangements for class participation. Kindergarten classes most often gather items needed by missionaries in places like Haiti and the Philippines. Each year, Kindergarten classes also sing Christmas carols at a local nursing home.

## Bible

During Bible class, students will enjoy Bible stories of the Old and New Testament, memorize scripture weekly, participate in chapel and strive to apply biblical principles to life through interactions with peers, teachers and adults.

The Bible textbook for kindergarten is God and Me by Purposeful Design Publications.



## Handwriting

As kindergarteners are growing in their fine motor skills, they will practice daily the correct formation of manuscript printing, correct pencil grip, and using correct posture for handwriting.

The handwriting textbook for kindergarten is A Reason for Handwriting/ Manuscript A by The Concerned Group.

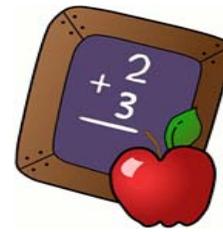
## Reading & Language Arts

Kindergarten students will be introduced to the joy and benefit of reading by participating in reading and phonics lessons which will encourage growth in:

- Letter and sound associations
- Comprehension
- Predicting outcomes
- Understanding inferences
- Distinguishing fact from fantasy
- Listening skills
- Rhyming words
- Sentence dictation
- Drawing conclusions
- Spelling sequences and word families

Students will read short stories and take home weekly reading books that progress in difficulty throughout the year. Teachers will encourage students to read for specific information and understanding, respond to punctuation, follow a sequence of five or more commands and participate in units of study on a variety of topics including holidays, multi-cultural experiences, geography and government.

The reading book for kindergarten is Reading K5 by BJU Press.



## Math

Kindergarten students will increase their math reasoning skills by:

- Identifying and writing numbers from 0-100
- Increasing number sense through the use of ordinal numbers
- Skip counting: count to 150 by 1's, count to 100 by 10's, count to 50 by 5's
- Identifying number patterns
- Using place value to solve problems
- Using mathematical operations such as addition and subtraction with sums and differences to 10
- Understanding equations
- Working problems using vertical form
- Identifying and using money
- Solving oral word problems
- Reading and writing number sentences using the symbols +, - and =
- Making and using fractions such as equal parts; halves, thirds, fourths, and halves of a set of objects
- Identifying geometric relationships
- Using estimation
- Measuring using standard and non standard units of measurement
- Graphing
- Telling time
- Identifying and counting money
- Developing calendar skills

All math concepts will be taught through hands-on learning activities which promote problem solving and higher-order thinking skills.

The math textbook for kindergarten is Math K5 by Abeka Traditional Arithmetic.

## Social Studies

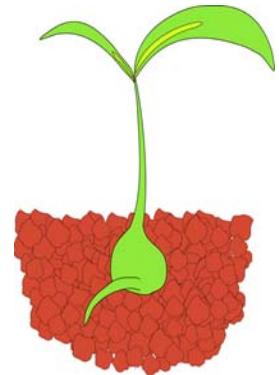
Students will enjoy learning about community helpers, American history, cultural studies and simple geography on a kindergarten level.

The social studies textbook for kindergarten is Social Studies K, by A Beka Publishing.

## Science

Kindergarteners will learn that God has a plan for "me." They will explore topics such as God's creation, senses, seeds, animals, oceans, health, weather and seasons.

The science textbook for kindergarten is God's World K by A Beka Publishing.



## Fair Requirements

Kindergartners will participate in the TCA/ACSI art fair.