



Grand Island Christian School

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K4 & K5 Curriculum

Learning can be fun

Our K4 (4-year-old) and K5 (5-year-old) classes meet Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Your child's day will be filled with Bible, phonics, numbers, and they will work on many fine motor projects like coloring, cutting, tracing and playing with play-dough. Each class or motor skill activity lasts about 10 to 15 minutes and they will have a snack and recess mid morning.

Phonics

We use an intense phonics program with K3 through 2nd Grade that begins with letter/sound recognition, and blending in K4, and continues with learning a series of 13 phonics charts that when learned will enable your child to read a great amount of the English language. Our K4 class learns to blend consonants and short vowels, to make one sound instead of two, and to add a final consonant making a short word such as cat, hat, dog, etc. We try to take each child as far as he is ready. Our K5 class reviews what was learned in K4 for the first semester of school and then moves on to long vowels and the first two "Phonics Chart rules" such as ck in duck and pl in plane.

Getting an Early Start

We began teaching cursive in K4 starting in 1998. Initially, we were not 100% convinced; however, we changed our minds after seeing how successful the students were. Our students no longer struggle with mixing up b and d, or other reversal mistakes that we had with manuscript. The children learn to recognize cursive and manuscript together, so they are not confused when trying to read them.

Our math program is based upon a spiraling concept. We do not assume that once taught it sticks. By repeating concepts each year and making them a little more difficult, children do not just learn it, they know it. Our K4 students will learn to count to 100 and will know the concepts up to 20 such as what comes before and after, and which is larger and smaller. In K5, our students also learn to count and write by ones, twos, fives, and tens. They use number words one through ten, tell time by the hour, half hour, and quarter hour, and they learn the value of coins and a dollar bill. They also learn addition facts to 10 and one-step story problems. They will even start the concept of subtraction.

Academic Excellence Distinctively Christian

Grand Island Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.