



Kindergarten Curriculum 2015-2016

Religion

Each lesson of Faith First Kindergarten by RCL is based on three essential elements – beliefs, story and celebration. The beliefs of a people as taught by the Catholic Church, the stories of the Bible passed down from generation to generation and the celebration of the seasons and special days of the Church year.

Reading

In the Rowland Reading Superkids Program, students are taught to read through five major areas of instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Students are introduced to 13 Superkids characters, whose activities and adventures keep children engaged and motivated as they learn to read and write. The focus is on the 26 letters of the alphabet. Students systematically learn to read and write letters, to associate letters with sounds, to blend letter-sounds to form words and sentences, and to read and write phonetically irregular memory words.

Language Arts

Language Arts is tied in with the reading series by Rowland Reading. Students participate in activities such as song, drama and creative writing exercises.

Social Studies

The social studies program is taught through units. Some of the topics discussed are: safety, people, Indians, health and holidays. Inquiry-based units will be incorporated into the curriculum.

Science

The kindergarten science program is geared towards helping the children explore their natural environment, make discoveries about themselves and their world and learn by deduction. Inquiry-based units will include topics on plant life, space, sea life and health science.

Math

Pearson Envision Math uses a multisensory approach to teaching. Incremental development and continual practice and review are two important aspects. Consistent language, a hands-on approach to teaching the new concept, oral and written practice and review of other learning strands are components of the curriculum. Some of the content area covered include: exploring patterns, comparing and ordering numbers to 20, identifying shapes, measurement, money, exploring greater numbers, addition and subtraction.

Handwriting

The Rowland Reading Superkids Program teaches letter formation when a letter name and its associated sound are learned. Ice cream paper with strawberry, vanilla and chocolate lines ensure correct letter formation and placement. Children are given models to trace words, sentences and punctuation marks. Handwriting is practiced everyday.

Art, Learning Centers, Library, Music, Physical Education, Spanish

The children participate in art, music, library and Spanish throughout the week. Physical Education is offered twice a week. Learning Centers are used throughout the year for hands-on activities. Listening skills, participation and cooperation are stressed.