

WHAT TO EXPECT IN

Kindergarten

Kindergarten at Heritage Classical Academy is a time for joyful discovery!

Our students prepare to become solid readers through studying phonics and jump start their handwriting skills through the proven, multisensory printing curriculum, *Handwriting without Tears*. Students practice their writing skills and grow in their knowledge of God's Truth through the HCA Copybook which contains Scripture verses. We incorporate reading out loud into our classroom time, including the titles you see below. Our students also begin to develop their math skills using Saxon 1, a curriculum which thoroughly cements basic math skills for continued success in school.

Our students study art, create projects and crafts, learn about the world around them, enjoy snack, lunch, and recess, and begin to build a foundation to become lifelong learners. Some of their creative projects include creating a sunrise like the famous artist Monet using tissue paper or mapping out animals of the world on a large wall map!

READING

- *Fun in the Sun*
- *Scamp and Tramp*
- *Soft and White*
- *Primary Phonics Reader- 1-4*
- *Christian Liberty Nature Reader*

At the end of kindergarten, our students are able to read the following:

"The Lime Drink", pg.131 in *Soft and White*

"Mom has a sack of limes which she got at the store. She will use the limes to make a cold drink. She will cut them with a knife. Then she will make lots of lime drink. When Dad and Tate come home, the drink will taste fine to them."

MATH

- Learn to read graphs
- Count money
- Tell time on both digital and analog clocks to the 1/2 hour
- Count by 1's, 5's, 10's, 25's, 100's, and more
- Identify Patterns
- Addition and subtraction, including memorization of math facts
- Dividing quantities into even groups

GEOGRAPHY

- State names
- Continents and oceans
- Great Lakes
- U.S. rivers, mountain ranges, landforms, famous buildings, presidents, and state flags

SCIENCE

In Kindergarten, we explore God's world around us through our science lessons and enrichment activities. The topics come out of our weekly read-aloud books and we build upon those topics with other readings, drawings, and projects. Topics of discussion include:

- Planets and Stars
- Snowflakes
- Animal Studies
- Colors and mixing
- The Water Cycle
- Weather

MEMORY PERIOD

- Genesis 1:1-8
- Psalm 1
- Psalm 127
- Psalm 19
- Books of the Bible
- Psalm 42
- Psalm 121
- Westminster Shorter Catechism questions 1-12

ENRICHMENT / SPECIALS

- Daily convocation
- Weekly art, music, physical education, and chorale classes
- Study of classical art and music selections each week
- Weekly studies from *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* by Sally Lloyd-Jones and *The Attributes of God for Kids* by Lydia White

