



LOWER SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

MISSION: DEA's goal is to provide students with an academic program that prepares them to be successful in the institution of higher learning of their choice. Our school will provide opportunities for students to excel in academics, the arts, and athletics in a safe, orderly, Christian environment.

PreK 3

You want your child to enjoy reading. But, before he starts reading, he needs to learn the letters and their sounds. This ABC book gives a special animal friend to introduce each new letter to help your child recognize the letter as well as learn that letter's sound. Review is accomplished through small projects based on each letter. Activities include tracing practice and using finger paint, glue, and crayons. Your child will look forward to learning his ABCs with this stimulating activity book! Your three-year-old is already capable of learning so many things! In math, we will enhance his knowledge of shapes, pairs, opposites, numbers 1-15, sequence of events, senses, seasons, weather, animals, countries, transportation, dot-to-dot, coloring, thinking and reasoning skills, listening skills, and more!

The lively academic program in K4 will grow your child's desire to learn! This enjoyable educational foundation introduces phonics and develops early reading skills through teaching kindergartners to read one-and two-vowel word stories. He will be excited to show

what he can do as he learns to trace and write letters and his name, as well as recognize and count numbers to 100. A dedicated skills time each day develops his visual perception, listening skills, and motor skills. A daily Bible class provides opportunity for your child to sing, learn verses, pray, and gain age-appropriate knowledge and application through lessons from the Old and New Testaments. Music, art, language development, and poetry continue to develop your child's skills and get him ready for the five-year-old program.

PreK 4

Reading/Phonics—learn letters, sounds, blends, one-and two-vowel words in small books

Writing—manuscript writing letters and words

Numbers—number concepts 1 to 20, count 1 to 100

Bible, language development activities, music, poetry, art

Interesting and engaging lessons expand your child's natural curiosity and excitement for learning. Songs, verses, prayer, and a walk through Genesis and the life of Christ during Bible time instill biblical values daily. Building upon an early foundation in phonics, your child will learn to read one-and two-vowel word stories, as well as stories with more difficult phonics special sounds. Her reading comprehension develops as you hold her accountable for what she reads with comprehension questions. Eye-hand coordination develops through learning to write individual letters, then consonant-vowel blends, then sentences. Through a dedicated daily numbers time, your child learns to count, recognize, and understand number concepts to 100. Learning number combination families 1–10 will be exciting! Social studies and science pique her curiosity to learn new things. Vocabulary, language, and cognitive skills, as well as character and social development, complete this popular kindergarten program through language enrichment, music, art, and skills development time.

Kindergarten

Reading/Phonics—learn how to read phonetically with a 450-word vocabulary in readers

Writing—manuscript writing letters, words, and sentences

Numbers—concept and count 1 to 100, begin addition and subtraction

Bible, Science, Social Studies, music, poetry, art

Your child will gain a lifelong enthusiasm for reading as he learns to read using the Abeka phonics-first approach. You'll see your child master phonics and watch his reading comprehension skills grow as he reads delightful stories with character-building themes. As his reading and spelling skills improve, creative writing becomes a natural outflow as he organizes thoughts into sentences and applies his grammar knowledge in order to communicate. Learning and practicing the proper formation of letters and the correct spacing between letters, words, and sentences helps perfect writing skills for a good overall appearance. Learning computation skills, problem-solving skills, and how to apply arithmetic

concepts exercises his reasoning and thinking abilities. In science, health, and history and geography, he'll learn about God's world and begin to appreciate it more as he ventures into a biographical study of people who made an impact on America. Most importantly, studying lives of real people in the Bible will help him learn how to respond to situations in his own life. Finally, art rounds out the academic program.

First Grade

Reading—phonics and word-analysis skills

Writing—spelling, manuscript writing words and sentences

Arithmetic—emphasis on addition and subtraction, place value, time, money, story problems, simple fractions, and measures

Bible, Science, History, Health, poetry, art

Second Grade

Reading—phonics and word-analysis skills

Writing—vocabulary building, spelling, and manuscript writing

Arithmetic—addition; subtraction; introduction to multiplication, division, Roman numerals, and story problems

Bible, Science, History, Health, poetry, art

Third Grade

Reading—including *Pilgrim's Progress*

Language—grammar, punctuation, penmanship with cursive writing instruction, spelling, vocabulary, and creative writing

Arithmetic—addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and story problems

U.S. History—studied through biographies of famous Americans, geography

Science—natural and physical science

Bible, Health, poetry, art

Fourth Grade

With an integrated approach to language arts, your child learns how spelling, vocabulary, penmanship, reading, grammar, and composition—including the writing process—work together. Her knowledge of grammar will deepen and practical skills increase with a thorough review of capitalization, punctuation, and the eight parts of speech. She'll learn how to read quickly for information through challenging reading selections emphasizing comprehension skills and speed-reading activities. Creative writing and word studies encourage maintaining valuable penmanship skills. There's a focus on correct spelling, vocabulary word usage, and poetry memorization. Arithmetic leads your child from the

known to the unknown as she studies fractions, decimals, proportions, percents, and many other topics. A study in United States history as well as history of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres from a Christian perspective opens the world up for your child. General science and health education offer a fascinating look at the world and show how to take care of the body God created. Through daily Bible lessons your child will see how God can do mighty acts when a person has faith in Him. Appreciation of fine arts will also grow through an introduction to accomplished artists and art techniques, and she'll have opportunities to create her own works of art.

Fourth Grade

Reading—character-building patriotic stories, vocabulary, speed reading

Spelling and Vocabulary—30 words/definitions per week

Penmanship—daily work on correct letter formation and writing

English—grammar, usage, composition, and book reports

U.S. History—includes six-week unit of state history, geography

Science—survey of earth science, matter, energy, plants, and animals

Arithmetic—drill in speed and accuracy in the four arithmetic processes, using fractions, and measures

Bible, Health, poetry, art