

Kindergarten Language Arts Curriculum **Wonders published by McGraw Hill Reading**

Kindergarten skills build the foundation for future reading success. In kindergarten we will use big books, fiction and non-fiction trade books, leveled readers, activity books, nursery rhymes, poetry, and manipulatives to teach beginning reading, phonemic awareness skills, and comprehension skills.

We also teach Guided Reading, which is a small group activity in which children read while the teacher uses questioning and coaching to guide the children through the reading process. Shared reading and writing activities will be integrated throughout our school day.

*We will begin the year by reviewing letters and learning letter sounds. We will expand to middle and ending sounds, blending them together to form words, as well as introduce short vowels and word families.

*Comprehension strategies students will learn to use while reading include the following: predicting, setting, character, comparing/contrasting, inferences, sequencing, classifying, and retelling.

*There are approximately 89 high-frequency sight words kindergarten students will work to master.

*Reading materials at varying levels among other resources will be used to address the reading abilities of different learners.

*Instruction will take place during large group, small group, partner, and individual instruction. Students will be actively engaged, manipulating letters and words, and be exposed to a wide range of reading materials and activities.

Kindergarten students will be taught correct handwriting formation. They will be introduced to

and apply correct letter formation in kindergarten and build upon that knowledge in future grades.

Kindergarten Religion Curriculum
We Believe series published by Sadlier, and
used K-6 at Xavier.

The kindergarten curriculum consists of 4 units.

They are:

1. God Gives Us Many Gifts
2. God is Our Creator
3. Jesus Shows Us Love
4. Jesus Wants Us to Share God's Love

Each unit consists of five chapters and allows children the opportunity for discussion, story telling, faith sharing, and activities. We Believe also introduces kindergarten students to the church's liturgical seasons, people of faith, and social teachings.

The kindergarten curriculum includes introduction to the following prayers:

- *Sign of the Cross
- *Glory Be
- *Prayer Before Meals
- *Hail Mary
- *Our Father Prayer After Meals
- *Guardian Angel (*Indicates prayers to be mastered).

Kindergarten students will also:

- *Learn many bible stories
- *Be introduced to the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross
- *Participate in school-wide Advent, Lent, and Catholic Schools' Week activities
- *Attend, participate, and periodically help plan the Mass
- *Discuss the weekly gospel using Promise Gospel sheets

Kindergarten Social Studies Curriculum

We will use a variety of resources for meeting grade-level and Common Core expectations and integrate social studies curriculum into daily and weekly instruction. These materials include trade books, videos, and language arts resources. A portion of social studies instruction will be taught by use of trade books and activities completed by students in large group, small group, and centers-based instruction.

Topics to be integrated throughout the year include:

- *Families, homes, and school rules
- *Communities, neighborhoods, maps, and signs
- *Jobs, needs and wants
- *Address, phone number, birth date
- *Calendar

Kindergarten Science Curriculum

As with social studies, we will use a variety of resources for meeting grade-level and Common Core expectations and will integrate science curriculum into daily and weekly lessons. FOSS kits are primarily used to teach kindergarten science. Units include the following:

- *Trees and Leaves
- *Animals Two By Two (Fish)
- * Wood and Paper
- * Motion

Science topics will also be taught using trade books, hands-on/high interest experiments and activities, and centers-based instruction. A few science topics are integrated into our language arts instruction.

- They include:
- *Five Senses
 - *Living Things - Life Cycles
 - *Weather and the Seasons
 - *Animals and Plants

Kindergarten Math Curriculum - Go Math

Our approach to math instruction is hands-on, learn by doing. Manipulatives will be used frequently to allow students to experiment with and learn math concepts at the kindergarten level. The workbook and other activities allow students to apply what they have learned. The workbook also allows parents to be familiar with the math concepts and vocabulary their child is learning at school.

Throughout the year kindergarten students will work on:

- *Identifying number 20 and beyond
- *Representing and counting numbers 20 and beyond
- *2-D and 3-D Shapes
- *Numbers 1-100
- *Number patterns - counting by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s to 100
- *Measurement

*Beginning addition and subtraction facts and strategies

*Problem solving

Additionally, these math concepts will be integrated throughout the curriculum using stories, centers, and other projects.