

Kindergarten Course Descriptions

Bethany Christian School



Course Description

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Bible

Philosophy Statement	The Bible is the foundation of a Christ-centered life. Through careful study and memorization of the Bible, we will develop and defend a Christian world-view, identify and live God’s purposes for our life, and grow in Christian character and God’s grace. The fruit of this study will be “that the man of God will be adequate and equipped for any good work” 2 Timothy 3:14-17.					
Objective	Students will have the opportunity to learn who God is, and His plan for mankind. Students will learn that God showed his love for us by sending Jesus to die for our sins. Throughout the year, students will learn about creation, God’s plan for salvation, and the lives and stories of various old and new testament individuals. Students will memorize the ABC Bible verses which will help them discover key concepts from God’s word.					
Textbook	Kindergarten Bible Curriculum ACSI Purposeful Designs					
Materials	Purposeful Designs Bible Flashcards, various props, videos, and art materials.					
Time Allotment	30 minutes per day, 4 days a week (chapel: 45 minutes a day 1 day a week)					
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Additional Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Prayer● Chapels● Bible Memory Verses● Christmas Performance● Various art project					

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Language Arts

Philosophy Statement	Language is recognized as a God-given gift. Teaching reading, writing, grammar, spelling, and vocabulary empowers students to communicate effectively with others and with God. Students will have the ability and opportunity to express themselves creatively, preparing them for future endeavors.			
Objective	Students will be encouraged to explore literacy through a variety of activities. Students will learn to read simple sentences and stories using reading strategies and phonics. They will learn to read sight words, short vowel words, long vowel words, and words with consonant blends (referred to as special sounds). Students will learn to write the letters of the alphabet and to apply various skills to write journal entries and simple stories.			
Textbooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Language Arts Curriculum K5- ABeka Book</u>● <u>Zoo Phonics Kindergarten Safari into Reading, Spelling and Writing- Zoo Phonics</u>● <u>Phonemic Awareness: The Skills That They Need To Help Them Succeed- Heggerty</u>● <u>Language Arts Kinder Workbook- Purposeful Design</u>● <u>Decodable Readers 1-6- Purposeful Design</u>● <u>Beginning Readers- Purposeful Design</u>			
Materials	Assorted children’s literature, various big books, and phonics readers, pocket chart poems, letter picture flashcards, blend ladders, puppets, whiteboards, etc.			
Time Allotment	50-90 minutes per day, 5 days a week			
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Additional Activities	Read Alouds, Library visits, writing journals, morning messages, reading journals, sight words, whiteboard writing practice, literacy (comprehension) test, and spelling tests.			
Areas to be Evaluated	Phonics written assessments, individual oral evaluations, teacher observations, worksheets, journals, and participation.			

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Kindergarten Mathematics

Philosophy Statement	Mathematics displays the truth, precision and order of God's creation. Through the study of the intricacies of mathematics, we can better understand the vastness, reality, and order of the physical universe.					
Objective	Students will learn to sort and classify objects. They will learn to count, recognize, write, and organize numbers. Children will be introduced to telling time with an analog and a digital clock. Students will learn basic principles of measurement and geometry. Lastly, students will discover the beginning concepts of addition and subtraction.					
Textbook	Reveal Math-Grade K, McGraw-Hill Reveal Math- Grade K, Interactive Student Edition- McGraw-Hill					
Materials	Student workbook pages, various games and activities found in KinderMath, manipulatives, storybooks with mathematical themes.					
Time Allotment	30 minutes a day, 4 days per week					
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Additional Activities	Various math and manipulative centers, theme days with a math focus (Apple Day, Pumpkin Day and the 100 th Day of School), counting chants, skip counting songs, calendar time.					
Areas to be Evaluated	Chapter tests, individual work, student responses, teacher observation					

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Science

Philosophy Statement	Biblical science is the study of God's creation. God has revealed Himself in two ways: through the Bible and through creation. In creation, God's eternal power and divine nature are clearly perceived, and God has mandated that we investigate, explore, appreciate, and care for God's creation. In this way, we come to understand our Creator better in the process
Objective	Students will learn about God's creation. They will learn and evaluate various scientific concepts. The kindergarten students will be exposed to the Christian Schools International science curriculum. Through the use of various resources, students will discover the basics about their bodies, the five senses, seasons, weather, animals, seeds, and plant growth.
Textbook	<u>God's World</u> ABeka Book <u>CSI Science Kindergarten</u> Christian Schools International <u>KinderLiteracy</u> by Tara West <u>Mystery Science</u> Online Science Subscription
Materials	<u>God's World</u> workbook, various hands-on materials, Christian School International (CSI) Science worksheets, various science worksheets found online.
Time Allotment	20 minutes a day, 3 times a week
Course Content	<p><u>1st Quarter:</u> Seed to Plant Parts of a pumpkin Parts of an apple</p> <p><u>2nd Quarter:</u> Seasons Weather</p> <p><u>3rd Quarter:</u> Our Five Senses Life Cycles</p> <p><u>4th Quarter:</u> Seed to Plant Animal Groups The Moon</p>
Additional Activities	Throughout the year, science comes up naturally through our theme focus. We study the following things in depth over the year: Fall: Apples, pumpkins, bats Winter: Polar animals, penguins, weather Spring: Habitats, flowers, insects, bugs
Areas to be Evaluated	Student participation, student workbooks, review questions.

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Social Studies

Philosophy Statement	Social Studies reveals God’s sovereign plan through humanity’s interaction with nature, social institutions, and the community. It is through the understanding of these interactions that students evaluate the patterns of the past in order to work to fulfill God’s Kingdom here on Earth.					
Objective	Students will learn about the people places that make up a community. They will learn about several famous Americans, and about countries and cultures around the world.					
Textbook	<u>Social Studies K</u> ABeka Book <u>Little Social Studies Thinkers</u> by Karen Jones <u>KinderLiteracy</u> by Tara West					
Materials	Community Helpers Visuals (Abeka) America: Our Great Country Big Book (Abeka) Various objects and pictures that represent parts of our country or the world					
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Additional Activities	Veterans Day activities, Martin Luther King Jr. activities, President’s Day					
Areas to be Evaluated	Student participation, social studies work pages, review questions, teacher observations					

COURSE DESCRIPTION KINDERGARTEN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Enrichment Program Philosophy Statement: God is the great Creator, and creation is God's artwork, through which He communicates His truth and love to mankind. Mankind, being formed in the image of God, created to give Him glory, is imbued with creativity. Through participation in the arts, students discover their God-given creative abilities. They will experience God's truth through the arts and learn to express themselves in their individual artistic talents.

Objective: Students will be introduced to many different movement forms. The focus will be on major locomotor movements, balance, directions, fleeing and dodging, and tossing and catching.

Textbooks:

Dynamic Physical Education for Elementary School Children (Pangrazi)
Ready to Use P.E. Activities (Landy)

Materials:

Utility balls
Jump ropes
Sports equipment

Time Allotment: 30 minutes per day, 2 days per week

Course Content: Units to be covered include-

Locomotor Movements
Balance
Fleeing & Dodging
Tossing/Throwing & Catching
Jump Rope
Fitness
Dribbling
Kicking
Rhythm & Movement
Intro to basic playground games, popular sports, modified for age level

Areas to be Evaluated: Class participation
Observation of skills
Sportsmanship

<p>COURSE DESCRIPTION GRADES K-5th ELEMENTARY SPANISH</p>
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Philosophy Statement: Language is a God-given gift which allows us to communicate with one another and with God. Learning a second language helps students better understand their own and helps students understand and appreciate other languages and the cultures from which they come. This awareness helps students respect other cultures, equips students for Christian evangelistic opportunities, and prepares students for bilingual career opportunities.

Objectives and Course Content: To expose students to the Spanish language and culture in an enjoyable atmosphere that engages all five senses in the learning process. The foundation of the language's structure, along with the essential vocabulary and communication basics will be introduced. All three modes of learning will be emphasized and practiced: written, oral and auditory.

Students are expected to actively engage and participate in classroom activities. While academic ability levels may vary slightly, effort and involvement are highly necessary from each and every student. In addition, all students are expected to demonstrate an appropriate level of behavior and positive attitude in class as outlined in the BCS Parent Handbook.

Textbook: *Teach Them Spanish!* By Instructional Fair, Grades K-5

Materials: Workbook pages, Teacher-Created materials, visuals, practice worksheets, DVDs, CDs, picture books, manipulatives, writing and coloring utensils

Time Allotment: Each grade meets separately for 40-50 minutes per week.

Course Content: Vocabulary acquisition
Basic sentence construction

Areas to be Evaluated: Class Participation
Individual and group class work
Quizzes

Additional Activities: Cultural enrichment activities
Lesson games and songs
End of semester fiesta celebration

<p>COURSE DESCRIPTION GRADES K-2 MUSIC</p>

Philosophy Statement: God is the great Creator, and creation is God's artwork, through which He communicates His truth and love to mankind. Mankind, being formed in the image of God, created to give Him glory, is imbued with creativity. Through participation in the arts, students discover their God given creative abilities. They will experience God's truth through the arts and learn to express themselves in their individual artistic talents.

Objectives: The purpose of this general music class is to increase a student's interest and knowledge of music and how it relates to their lives. Students should leave having an age appropriate understanding of the world of music.

Textbook: Orff and Kodaly Adapted for the Elementary School,
By Wheeler and Raebeck

Materials: Instruments (School Owned and Rented), Music worksheets, Sheet music for performance songs

Time Allotment: 30 minutes, one day per week

Course Content: Ear Training
Vocalizing
Standard Music Notation Reading
Music Appreciation
Music History (Eras, Composers, etc.)
Instrument Families
Orchestration

Areas to be Evaluated: Vocal production, Reading music notation,
Recognizing forms of music by instrumentation and time period,
Participation

Additional Activities: Christmas and spring musical productions,
Experiencing music through movement/dance

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ART

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OBJECTIVE: The students will be learning basic art concepts, color, pattern, design, line, shape, and texture. All activities and art projects will encourage the exploration of art materials and techniques.

TEXTBOOKS: Teacher-created materials

MATERIALS: Art supplies—pencils, paper (tissue, white drawing paper, poster board, construction), erasers, scissors, rulers, glue (sticks, gel, white), water colors, tempera, acrylic, brushes, crayons, markers, oil pastels, and soft pastels.

TIME ALLOTMENT: 40 minutes per day, 1 day per week

COURSE CONTENT: Line and Shape Concepts
Pattern and Design Concepts
Texture Concepts
Color Concepts
Art History

AREAS TO BE EVALUATED: Class participation
Student projects in class
Student effort and behavior