

## Kindergarten Curriculum

Kindergarten at St. Mark's, a full day, enriched program, provides more opportunities for formalized instruction. Theme-based activities and concept-based lessons integrate language arts, math, social studies, and science.

The Kindergarten program teaches basic readiness skills necessary for proficiency in reading and writing. Key components of our kindergarten curriculum are whole group word study, handwriting and phonics instruction via the Foundations, a systematic, multi-sensory curriculum, guided reading in small groups at a student's instructional reading level, reading to one's self at an independent level, and explicit instruction in writing. Kindergarten students learn to write five star sentences and even sequence these complete thoughts into brief narrative stories. Math is also taught whole group during mini lessons and during number talks which help our students develop a strong foundation with their number sense. Small group math instruction is when our teachers are able to challenge and support as needed. Math is always hands on and enhanced with manipulatives, technology, and games.

The balanced Kindergarten curriculum offers variety throughout the year, using themes such as seasons, weather, and holidays to integrate the disciplines. Rich explorations of Kenya, Japan, and the rainforest leave children feeling like they are world travelers. Learning centers encourage purposeful play, complement themes of study, and facilitate differentiation. The classrooms have access to iPads, giving students and teachers the ability to utilize age-appropriate technology tools that foster creativity. Kindergarten at St. Mark's prepares our students for the rigorous education ahead.

Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters of the Alphabet</li> <li>• Consonant and Vowel Sounds</li> <li>• Rhymes</li> <li>• Decode Words</li> <li>• Phonics</li> <li>• Idea Expression</li> <li>• Comprehend Stories</li> <li>• Sequence Events in Stories</li> <li>• Make Connections to Stories</li> <li>• Finger Spelling</li> <li>• Sight Word Recognition</li> <li>• Reading Comprehension:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Text Connections</li> <li>○ Summarization</li> <li>○ Sequencing</li> <li>○ Predictions</li> <li>○ Questioning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterning</li> <li>• Plane and Solid Shapes</li> <li>• Positional Words</li> <li>• Greater Than and Less Than</li> <li>• One Fewer and One More</li> <li>• Subitizing</li> <li>• Measurement with Non-Standard Units</li> <li>• Graphs and Data</li> <li>• Estimation</li> <li>• Number Sense to 30</li> <li>• Count by 1s, 5s, and 10s</li> <li>• Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>• Fractions</li> <li>• Calendar</li> <li>• Time</li> <li>• Coins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather</li> <li>• Four Seasons</li> <li>• Night and Day</li> <li>• Necessities of Living Organisms</li> <li>• Roles of Animals</li> <li>• Animal Characteristics and Habitats</li> <li>• Matter</li> <li>• Parts of the Body and Functionality</li> <li>• Shadows</li> <li>• Plants</li> <li>• Push and Pull</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom Citizenship</li> <li>• Then and Now</li> <li>• American Communities</li> <li>• Kenyan Communities</li> <li>• Japanese Communities</li> <li>• Rainforest Communities</li> <li>• United States' Key People, Symbols, and Traditions</li> <li>• Four Cardinal Directions</li> <li>• Map Skills</li> </ul>

Writer's Workshop	Spanish	Additional Offerings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brainstorming Techniques</li> <li>• Connect Sentences with Pictures</li> <li>• Write Related Sentences</li> <li>• Sequence Details</li> <li>• Connect Voice and Words</li> <li>• Start Sentences with Capital Letters</li> <li>• End Sentences with Punctuation</li> <li>• Use Spaces Between Words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culture</li> <li>• Sentence Formation</li> <li>• Dialogue</li> <li>• Vocabulary               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alphabet</li> <li>○ Greetings</li> <li>○ Introductions</li> <li>○ Zoo Animals</li> <li>○ Farm Animals</li> <li>○ Family</li> <li>○ Shapes</li> <li>○ Days of the Week</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Education</li> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Physical Education</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Computer Lab</li> <li>• Science Lab</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Character Education</li> </ul>