

Academics | The Day in the Life of Kindergarten

Chapel: Every Wednesday, elementary students meet for a time of worship. Students sing worship songs and listen to a short message from God's Word. Once a month during chapel, students are recognized for character traits. Elementary classes focus on two character traits a month. Teachers recognize students whose behavior has shown evidence of the monthly character traits.

Bible: Bible includes teaching Old and New Testament stories, beginning with creation, and concluding with an emphasis on Jesus and spreading the Good News. The lessons are composed of stories, crafts, and songs that apply to everyday living. The students will develop an understanding of God's love.

Prayer: Students pray daily. They are taught to pray by offering praise and thanksgiving, as well as praying for their needs and the needs of others.

Language Arts Concepts: Reading is built around whole group discussion, guided reading groups, shared reading, and individual goals. Students participate in Daily 5 and rotating literacy centers to support phonemic awareness and build vocabulary. Kindergartners learn to write personal narratives, non-fiction, and informational writing. They are encouraged to use their knowledge of letters and sounds to express their ideas on paper.

Accelerated Reader/Early Literacy: Assessment of readiness skills; independent readers are able to participate in AR—an enrichment program which provides the opportunity for students to be assessed on comprehension skills.

Math Concepts: Math readiness, number sense, sorting, graphing, patterns, classification, counting, shapes, time, money, addition and subtraction, problem solving, measurement.

Social Studies: The goal of Social Studies in kindergarten is to help children begin to acquire the skills and knowledge they will need to function as concerned and involved members of society.

Spanish: Students attend Spanish class for 30 minutes one day a week.

Science Concepts: Our program is built on three levels of inquiry. All three engage students in activities that build a strong science foundation and help them develop a full understanding of the inquiry process.

Specials: Every school day, students will attend at least one of the following: physical education, music, art, computer, library, or Impact Education.

Impact Education: Kindergarten students learn that everybody throughout the world should know about the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They also learn about the heroes who help spread the Good News to the whole world.

Lunch: Summit has a full-service cafeteria where elementary students may either bring their lunch or purchase a hot lunch that is prepared on-site.

Recess: Kindergarten has a minimum of 30 minutes a day of recess.

Special Events: Some of the kindergarten special events include kindergarten kick-off, teddy bear fun day, Thanksgiving program, fire truck/firemen visit, creation play, 100th day of school, community helpers parade, and graduation. The students also take two field trips throughout the year.

Service Project: Summit serves is an event where all Summit students give back to the community and serve in some way. In addition to this service project, kindergarten students celebrate a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party each year during the Christmas season. As part of the kindergarten Thanksgiving celebration, students bring a can of corn for a local food pantry.