

Preschool Curriculum

Textbooks & Materials

Language Arts (Scot Foresman)

Math (Everyday Math)

Science & Social studies are intertwined with other areas

Art

Handwriting (Handwriting Without Tears)

Bible (ACSI Purposeful Design)

Curriculum Content Overview

The Scott Foresman preschool OWL curriculum (**O**pening the **W**orld of **L**earning) exposes the students to a variety of language arts skills through the use of many materials. Ollie the Owl is a puppet who is a “word bird” and introduces the class to new vocabulary each week. The vocabulary words are reinforced and heard in stories, poems and songs throughout the week. Preschool children love to interact with Ollie and are excited when they hear the words they have been learning in different contexts.

Letter identification and letter sounds are taught with the “letter of the week.” Students discover words that begin with the letter of the week by identifying objects in the Letter Bag. Crafts, activities, stories, books and special snacks that begin with the letter of the week are fun ways to practice the letters of the alphabet. The preschool class also uses the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum to introduce beginning handwriting skills. Lively and memorable songs help children practice the correct pencil grip and formation of letters. The children have their own handwriting workbooks that include many activities to reinforce and provide practice printing letters.

Each week the children listen to a Bible story that relates to the unit theme. Every Bible story is accompanied with a Bible verse for the week and a song from the Bible curriculum CD. Through the use of colorful picture cards, flannel board illustrations, lively and memorable songs, the Bible truth is reinforced every day throughout the week. Each student has a Bible activity workbook which provides further practice in recalling the stories and incorporates preschool skills such as tracing, matching, counting, letter identification, cutting, etc. Many parents have commented that their children come home and retell the story of the week in much detail. It is a joy to see the youngest students learn truths from the Bible and hide God’s word in their hearts!

Other subjects taught weekly in Preschool

MUSIC

Music is a universal phenomenon, a tool by which we bring glory to God, and an opportunity for self-discovery, cross-cultural connection, intercultural understanding, historical appreciation, and intellectual development.

The course objective is to glorify the Lord through music, develop an appreciation for a wide variety of musical styles, grasp skills of instrumental and vocal performance, and develop personal disciplines of hard work and creative practice.

The whole child will experience music through the following:

Singing Lips

Singing and moving to music. Learning historical and cultural backgrounds of songs.

Thinking Brains

Learning how to read, sing, and play music.

Discuss melodic and rhythmic content of music.

Learn about music's role in the life of the Christian and in the Church, both visible and invisible.

Busy Limbs

Putting concepts and skills into practice through song, playing instruments, dancing, and arranging or composing music. Using programs like Sibelius and Logic Pro to discover new ways of viewing and creating music.

Listening Ears

Listening to classical, folk, world, and pop music to develop critical thinking skills in the area of music.

Evaluating music and performances of music

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students are encouraged to achieve a personal physical goal and to gain appreciation for sports and physical activity. Biblically based social skills are acquired through sports and team building. Our physical fitness program emphasizes exercise so students learn to appreciate and incorporate physical fitness into their daily lives to stay healthy. The Presidential Fitness program is a year-end goal. Students work on flexibility, strength, and cardiovascular endurance.