

KINDERGARTEN

Lower School



Reading

Decoding, beginning and intermediate reading, comprehension

Curriculum: Spalding, phonics, reading strategies in a workshop approach, Nellie Edge, iPad apps, sign language

Strategies: Predicting; sequencing; patterning; beginning, middle, and end

Individualized Approach: Students may be working at grade level or above.

Grammar

Instruction in: Sentence structure, punctuation, capitalization, conventions

Formal grammar instruction begins in grade 1.

Math

Curriculum: Math Their Way, individualized math activities based on development, iPad apps

Content: Geometry (complex shapes, reflections, parallel/perpendicular); number concept (abstract up to 10, addition, subtraction, multiplication); patterning (symbolic representations); classifying (complex attributes); graphing (symbolic and abstract); counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s; adding 10 to a number

Bible

Curriculum: Day by Day Bible and The Jesus Storybook Bible

Old and New Testament stories read through the lenses of wisdom, compassion, and courage; Ten Commandments

Science

Curriculum: Classroom and lab-based science program

Content: Life cycles, plants, rocks/soil, composting (acid/base), water cycle, gardening, light, heat, weather

Specialists

Art
Physical Education
Music
Science Lab
Library

Social Studies

Curriculum: Communities around the world

Content: Mexico, Germany, USA, cultures represented in our classroom communities

Field Trips

Kids Quest
Oxbow Farm and Conservation Center (x3)
Sammamish Animal Sanctuary
Rick the Toymaker "School of Toy"

Writing

Curriculum: Writing strategies in a workshop approach

Content: Journals, personal narrative, information writing

Highlights

Innovation Lab
Big/Little Reading Buddies
Christmas at Bear Creek
Kindergarten Drama Production
Mothers Tea
Evening of Artists
Authors Celebration