

**GRACE ACADEMY**  
**What to Expect in Kindergarten**

**Bible:**

- Understand that God gave us the Bible as His only written word
- Learn major characters of the Old & New Testaments
- Memorize the books of the Old and New Testament
- Memorize and recite Psalm 100, Psalm 8, Luke 2:7-14 Psalm 97, Genesis 1:1-14
- Sing and pray daily
- Learn what sin is, what obedience is, God's love and forgiveness, His creative and sustaining power, His holiness and unchanging character
- Recite from memory the first 15 Westminster catechism questions
- Narrate and re-tell bible stories
- The Advent Jesse Tree Devotions

**Reading (Phonics, Spelling, and Handwriting): *Saxon K***

- Learn upper and lower case letters of the alphabet
- Learn sounds of consonants and long and short vowel sounds
- Blend sounds to form short vowel words
- Phonemic awareness
- Coding tools - marking common vowel patterns and letter clusters
- Identify most letter clusters
- Use end marks and capitals in a complete sentence
- Transcribe short sentences from Scripture and poetry

**Math: *Saxon 1***

- Use manipulative techniques to count, sort, compare, organize, add subtract, make designs, etc.
- Learn to write numbers correctly
- Learn to arrange items to form predictable patterns
- Count forward and backward
- Learn to graph information
- Learn basic geometric shapes
- Count by 1's, 5's, 2's and 10's to 100
- Calendar skills
- Learn the values of a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar
- Learn the half-hour and hour markings on a clock
- Geoboards
- Tangrams
- Weight, capacity and measurement
- Beginning math facts
- Correctly organize items according to their distinctive properties & characteristics
- Make correct comparisons between items according to length, quantity, weight, volume & duration
- Explore & correctly use basic (1-20) addition & subtraction using manipulative tools
- Describe correctly fractions of 1/2

**Literature:** *Read aloud in class*

- Mrs. Piggle Wiggle
- Cappyboppy
- Dolphin Adventure
- Verdi
- Extensive children's literature of shorter length (weekly)

**Poetry:** *Read and memorize from*

- A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Sing a Song of Seasons selected by Sara and John Brewton

**History:** *(Bible and local maps)*

- Learn that God is sovereign in the world and in their lives
- Learn how God blessed individuals, families and nations that sought to honor him
- Recognize different features on a local and state map
- Learn basic facts about Georgetown and Williamson County history
- The First Thanksgiving – Early Native American History
- The First Christmas
- Field trips include – Inner Space Cavern, Planetarium, Waco Zoo, Elgin Tree Farm
- Guest Speakers when available

**Science:**

- Learn the wonder of God's Creation
- Learn the cycle of a seed
- Unit on weather
- Unit on insect life
- Unit on the Solar System
- Wildflowers
- Fall Harvest, Seasons
- Rocks Minerals, fossils

**Learning Centers:**

- Sand / water table
- Blocks/other manipulatives
- Puzzles – magnets
- Hand writing
- Art – painting – drawing

**Music:**

- Distinctly Christian with the study and singing of traditional hymns
  - Distinctly Classical with the study of the works of great composers
  - Distinctly Academic with the study and singing of folk songs, rhythm, and pitch
  - Distinctly Inspired with the use of instruments
  - Distinctly Musical with performances at Lessons & Carols and Fine Arts Evening

**Drama:**

- Use vocabulary to describe theatrical experience
- Perform imitative movements, rhythmical activities, and theater games (freeze, statues, and mirrors)
- Retell familiar stories, fables, fairy tales
- Exercise control over actions and emotions
- Use listening and observation skills

**Art:**

- Art appreciation and picture studies – Famous artists may include, Van Gogh, Paul Cézanne, Henri Matisse, and Pablo Picasso.
- Mediums used in Kindergarten include – Soft pastels, water colors, acrylic, oil pastels,, colored pencils, markers.

**Additional Activities:**

- Thanksgiving Feast
- Christmas Musical
- Solar System Day
- Fall Festival
- Literature Day
- Crazy Hat Day

**Field Trips:**

- InnerSpace Caverns
- Planetarium
- Cameron Park Zoo

