

Kindergarten

Kindergarten promises a year filled with fun and learning. SRVCA offers an all-day (optional 1:40pm dismissal) Kindergarten program with a maximum class size of 20 students with a head teacher and aide. This 1 to 10 ratio, provides an educational environment that accommodates the busy learning needs of 5 year old children. Students will have many opportunities to learn in both small group and whole group settings they adjust to the mechanics of the classroom that builds a class community that is safe and productive. God's Word is incorporated into all areas of the school day to foster character growth and a love for the Lord. The **Superkids** curriculum integrates reading, phonics, and writing. **Big Ideas Math** helps students gain a concrete understanding of math principles and skills. Students explore God's world through hands-on science. Students enjoy several walking field trips in Danville to learn more about their community. Scholastic's Weekly Reader is used for social studies units. Kindergarten is enriched with Chapel, Music, Studio Workshop, Library, P.E., and Tech Time.

Fast Facts:

- must be 5 by September 1st of the school year
- 20 students per classroom with a 1:10 adult to child ratio
- 2-4 community trips
- 5 enrichment classes per week: PE, Music, Studio Workshop, Tech Time and Library
- 2 musical presentations per year: Christmas Musical and Spring Performance

Community Trips:

- Danville Library*
- Trip to the Firehouse*
- Oakland Zoo*

*Final list TBD

Highlights:

- Harvest Party
- Friendsgiving Party
- Christmas Celebration
- 100th Day Celebration
- Read Across America Week
- Valentine's Day Celebration
- Easter Celebration
- Graduation Ceremony
- Regular Buddy Events with Upper Grade Buddies

Homework Expectations:

- 15 minutes each night
- Review classwork brought home with parent(s)
- January-May: Nightly reading on Monday-Thursday nights

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Curriculum Outlines:

Bible and Christian Leadership - Bob Jones (bjupress.com)

By studying Old and New Testament heroes of Faith, students will understand what it means to be in relationship with God. Studies of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection will help students understand the importance of Christ's reign in their lives. School-wide activities teach the importance of service and generosity. Emphasis is placed on prayer, worship, and Bible memorization and application.

Language Arts - Super Kids (<https://www.superkidsreading.com/>)

A phonics-based approach to reading with emphasis placed on special sounds is used in Kindergarten. Through songs, guided practice, thematic literature/poetry units, and projects, students will master letter and sound recognition as well as independent reading skills. Small reading groups allow students to be challenged at a variety of reading levels. Writing activities reinforce correct pencil grip and letter formation.

Math - Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life ([Big Ideas Math](http://BigIdeasMath.com))

This rigorous program balances concept understanding with math procedures and application. Each lesson offers digital math tools, modeling, differentiation and real life application. Continual review of prior concepts occurs. Number recognition, counting, patterns, classifying, comparing, graphing, time, and money are introduced. Addition and subtraction concepts are also explored.

Science - Science Spin by Scholastic (<https://sciencespink1.scholastic.com/>)

Students are given a multi-sensory approach to science with the use of visual, kinesthetic, and auditory activities. With the teacher's guidance, students become creative problem solvers who imagine possibilities, test ideas, gather information, and make responsible decisions. Some of the units explored include pumpkins, apples, animals, plants, recycling, and weather.

Social Studies – Scholastic Weekly Reader ([Scholastic News](http://ScholasticNews.com))

Kindergarten students begin to learn about the world around them by studying their local community. Guest speakers and field trip activities enhance their understanding of society and our responsibilities as citizens. Community helpers such as firefighters, police officers, grocers, medical personnel, teachers, and pastors are discussed. Teachers help students understand that God has gifted each individual with a uniqueness that makes him/her valuable to our society.