

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

KINDERGARTEN

Lower School



Reading

Decoding, beginning and intermediate reading, comprehension

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

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

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

Literacy in the Library: Weekly students have dedicated literacy instruction time to check out books, grow their literacy skills and passion for reading and research.

Grammar

Instruction in: Sentence structure, punctuation, capitalization, conventions

Math

Curriculum: Individualized math instruction based on development, iPad apps, MathFactLab

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

Old and New Testament stories read through the lenses of wisdom, compassion, and courage; Ten Commandments; Creation; Noah's Ark

Writing

Curriculum: Writing strategies in a workshop approach

Content: Journals, personal narrative, information writing, persuasive writing

Specialists

Art
Lab Science
Language
Music
Physical Education
Programming & Math
Foundations

Science

Curriculum: Classroom and lab-based science program

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

Field Trips

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

Social Studies

Curriculum: Communities around the world

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

Highlights

Innovation Lab
Reading Buddies
Christmas at Bear Creek
Kindergarten Drama Production
Dads 'n Donuts
Mothers Tea
Evening of Artists
Authors Celebration