



Lower School Curriculum and Instruction Description (Pre-K)

	Pre-K 3	Pre-K 4
Bible	<p>Intentionally designed units of study are used to help students learn the biblical story through the worldview framework of creation, fall, and redemption in developmentally appropriate ways.</p> <p>Christ-centered lessons based on Galatians 5 focus on the heart rather than behavior to encourage character development that springs from gratitude for what Christ did for us on the cross.</p>	<p>Intentionally designed units of study are used to help students learn the biblical story through the worldview framework of creation, fall, and redemption in developmentally appropriate ways. <i>Positive Actions</i> Bible curriculum is used to bring to life scriptural truths and provide focused Bible instruction. Christ-centered lessons based on Galatians 5 focus on the heart rather than behavior to encourage character development that springs from gratitude for what Christ did for us on the cross.</p>
Early Literacy	<p>Early literacy development is a fundamental component of a child’s overall development. In our Pre-K classrooms, students build literacy understanding through intentionally designed units of study to immerse them in language and literacy in various ways. Students explore concepts in literacy through hands-on, experiential learning in structured play experiences. Our teachers provide developmentally appropriate support and guidance through small group and one-on-one instruction. Our Pre-K4 classrooms utilize the Learning Without Tears <i>Get Set for School</i> curriculum for both literacy and math instruction.</p>	
Handwriting	<p>Handwriting Without Tears is a component of the <i>Get Set for School</i> curriculum and is used to teach developmentally appropriate handwriting skills. Handwriting Without Tears is a program based on a child’s development, designed to promote growth in fine motor and visual skills through engaging, interactive activities. Teachers are intentional about utilizing tools such as Play-Doh, blocks, chalk, and other tactile materials to encourage interacting with letters using their senses.</p>	
Early Numeracy	<p>Students build mathematical understanding through a concrete-pictorial-abstract approach. Using manipulatives first, then visual models/drawings, students learn the fundamentals of number sense and learn to become problem solvers and thinkers. Students explore mathematical concepts through hands-on, experiential learning, often through structured play experiences. Our teachers provide support and guidance through small-group and one-on-one instruction. Our Pre-K4 classrooms utilize the Learning Without Tears: <i>Get Set for School</i> curriculum for both literacy and math instruction.</p>	
Science	<p>An inquiry-based, hands-on approach to science instruction gives students numerous opportunities to discover the principles and truths of God’s creation. Purposefully designed units are integrated into all content areas to immerse students in Science concepts.</p>	
Social Studies	<p>Students in Pre-K are learning how to live in community with one another. Teachers are intentional in providing focused instruction for how to navigate sharing, friendships, responsibility, and overall citizenship, among other areas, to help develop our students to have a positive impact on their community. Ample opportunities for authentic play and social interactions contribute to the development of the whole child.</p>	