



Grade at a Glance

Kindergarten



RED LION

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Kindergarten – Grade at a Glance

Kindergarteners who arrive by 8:00AM participate in the elementary opening announcements and morning prayer in the auxiliary gym. Students may also be dropped off to the classroom at 8:10AM. School begins at 8:15AM and ends at 3:00PM. Dismissal is at the classroom from the teacher.

Daily Kindergarten Classroom Schedule

Following find an overview of a kindergarten school day. This schedule may be altered from time to time to accommodate special projects, themed units, school wide assemblies, event days, and field trips.

- Morning Routines
- Skills Development / Make-up Work
- Opening (pledges, prayer, calendar, weather)
- Math Meeting Board
- Bible
- Whole Group Reading (with support activity)
- Snack/Community Time
- Daily Phonics Review / Instructional Time
- Phonics & Handwriting
- Writers Workshop / Journals
- Whole Group Seatwork/ Individual Student Reading (w/teacher)
- Literacy Support Centers (several options are offered)
- Lunch/ Recess
- Related Arts
- Daily Mathematic Review / Instructional Time
- Math
- Mathematical Support Centers (several options are offered)
- Activity Time (Science/Social Studies/Art/Special Themed Units)
- Skills Development / Independent Seatwork
- Dismissal Preparation
- Dismissal

Each day kindergarten students also have one **Related Arts Class** taught by a specialized teacher. Related art classes are graded (except for library) and together count toward one credit GPA and honor roll. Kindergarten students attend Elementary Chapel weekly as well. The music teacher and fifth grade students lead worship and Pastor Gibson preaches the Word based on the weekly Bible verses.

Weekly Specials/Related Arts

- Chapel
- Art
- Computers
- Library
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish

CORE SUBJECTS

Beginning in kindergarten, elementary students study five core subjects which form a solid academic foundation. Each subject is graded and counts as one credit toward a student's GPA and honor roll. Key concepts taught in each core subject are noted below.

1. Bible

2. Math

3. Language Arts

4. Science

5. Social Studies

BIBLE

Accumulative Scripture Memory and Scripture Life Application

A	Proverbs 15:1	A gentle answer turns anger away.
B	Matthew 5:9	Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.
C	Colossians 3:20	Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
D	Philippians 2:14	Do all things without murmuring and disputing.
E	Proverbs 20:11	Even a child is known by his doings.
F	John 3:16	For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
G	Mark 16:15	Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
H	Exodus 20:12	Honor thy father and thy mother.
I	Philippians 4:13	I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
J	John 14:6	Jesus said unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..."
K	Psalms 34:13	Keep your tongue from evil.
L	Matthew 5:16	Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
M	1 John 3:18	My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
N	Matthew 6:24	No man can serve two masters.
O	Psalms 118:1	O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
P	Psalms 147:1	Praise ye the Lord! For it is good to sing praises unto our God.
Q	1 Thessalonians 5:19	Quench not the Spirit.
R	Exodus 20:8	Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
S	Isaiah 55:6	Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.
T	Exodus 20:15	Thou shalt not steal.
U	Psalms 75:1	Unto Thee O God, do we give thanks.
V	John 6:47	Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.
W	1 John 4:19	We love Him because He first loved us.
X	Matthew 18:3	Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
Y	John 15:14	Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
Z	Luke 19:5	Zaccheus, make haste and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.

Bible Stories and Life Application

Old Testament Lessons

- Adam and Eve
- Noah
- Abraham and Isaac
- Joseph
- Moses
- David
- Elisha and Naaman
- Daniel
- Jonah

Holiday Lessons

- First Thanksgiving
- Birth of Jesus
- Shepherds See the Savior
- Wise Men Worship Jesus
- Last Supper
- Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection
- Jesus Appears Alive and Returns to Heaven

New Testament Lessons

- Jesus' Boyhood
- Follow Me
- First Miracle
- Woman at Well
- Nobleman's Son
- Fishing with Jesus
- Jesus Heals Paralyzed Man
- Jesus Stills the Storm
- Feeding Five Thousand
- Jesus Walks on Water
- Blind Bartimaeus
- Jesus Loves the Children
- Zacchaeus
- Heaven
- Good Samaritan
- Lost Lamb
- Prodigal Son

Prayer

Students learn to pray using the ACTS model:

- Adoration - Praising our mighty God
- Confession – Admitting wrong choices (sin) and asking for forgiveness
- Thanksgiving – Naming God's Gifts (creation, friends, family, school, country, and Jesus!)
- Supplication – Asking for God's provision (help, healing, power, wisdom, etc.)

Character Training

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). To train means to exercise, to discipline, to teach, and form by practice. Character training is a key component of the kindergarten program and ties to the bible memory verses. Training builds habits that are right, and training must take place throughout the day, not merely in a “character lesson”.

Students learn to respect authority, pay attention, obey willingly, apply themselves to the task at hand, learn rules and apply them, do their best and work hard. Students develop habits of carefulness, obedience, honesty, accomplishment, cooperation, perseverance, self-control, attentiveness, fairness, confidence, responsibility, effort, steadfastness, disciplines, endurance, helpfulness, neatness, patience, good judgment, and respect.

MATH

Red Lion Christian Academy utilizes Saxon Math and ABeka texts and workbooks to support its math curriculum. Saxon Math provides a spiral approach to learning and reviewing concepts, accurate math vocabulary, and an emphasis on critical thinking and multi-step reasoning skills. ABeka provides additional rigor especially in the area of computation

Numbers and Operations / Number Sense and Numeration

- Reinforces building blocks of learning numbers through object counting
- Counts by ones, twos, fives, and tens (0-100)
- Counts sets of objects
- Learns formation for numbers 0–9
- Recognizes, reads, and writes numbers (0-100) by ones, tens, fives, and twos
- Understands concepts (0–100)
- Compares and orders numbers (0-100)
- Identifies and compares: most and fewest; larger and smaller; more and less
- Identifies doubles
- Identifies the digits in a number
- Identifies and spells number words one–ten
- Identifies ordinal position first – tenth and spells ordinal numbers first–tenth
- Compares before, after and between (0–100); largest and smallest (0–100)

Concepts of Whole Number Operations

- Uses concrete and pictorial models for addition and subtraction
- Uses concrete and pictorial models for multiplication and division
- Acts out story problems

Addition

- Understands symbols: + (plus); = (equal)
- Adds to 10 with concrete objects
- Adds number combination families 1–10:
- Adds Ordered and in mixed order
- Learns horizontal and vertical format
- Solves oral word problems
- Adds coin combinations: pennies; dimes and pennies; nickels and pennies

Subtraction

- Recognizes symbol: - (minus)
- Understands subtracting one or all of a number from numbers 1–10
- Writes subtraction sentences ($5 - 5 = 0$)

Fractions

- Identifies half of a whole
- Divides a shape in half
- Names and represents fractional parts of a whole

Division:

- Divides a set of objects by sharing

Problem Solving & Applications

- Establish building blocks: solving story problems
- Acts out, draws pictures, and writes number sentences to solve story problems
- Solves spatial problems

Data Analysis / Statistics and Probability

- Identifies a sorting rule
- Organizes and compares data
- Creates and reads a real graph
- Creates and reads a pictograph

Geometry and Measurement / Geometry and Spatial Sense / Perimeter and Area

- Identifies left and right
- Identifies, reads, and extends repeating and continuing shape patterns
- Identifies common geometric shapes including circle, square, rectangle, triangle, oval, star, heart, octagon, pentagon, hexagon, trapezoid, parallelogram, and rhombus
- Sorts common geometric shapes
- Makes and covers designs using pattern blocks
- Makes and covers designs using tangrams
- Identifies congruent shapes and designs
- Makes and draws congruent shapes and designs
- Compares the size of shapes
- Orders objects by size

Time and Calendar

- Recognizes the parts of a clock: face, hour and minute hands
- Reads and writes time: o'clock (:00), half past (:30), quarter past (:15)
- Recognizes 5-minute intervals of time: counting minutes by fives
- Identifies days of the week and months of the year
- Identifies the day of the week, month, year, date and fills in on a calendar
- Identifies yesterday and tomorrow
- Identifies morning, afternoon, evening, and night
- Identifies seasons

Money

- Identifies and counts pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters
- Identifies and counts dollars
- Shows an amount of money using coins
- Pays for items using coins
- Writes money amounts using a \$ sign and a cent sign

Measurements – Linear and Metric

- Compares objects by length
- Orders objects by length
- Measures using non-standard units
- Recognize an inch
- Measure objects more or less than an inch
- Measure and record individual growth of students throughout the year (Growth Chart) Geometry
- Identifies the appropriate metric or customary unit of measure to use

Weight (Mass)

- Compares the weight of objects

Capacity (Volume)

- Compares and estimates the capacity of containers
- Identifies and uses measuring cups and spoons
- Identifies quart

LANGUAGE

Phonics

Kindergarteners develop and master the follow skills

- The five vowels and their short and long sounds
- The 21 consonants and their sounds
- Blend a consonant and vowel together
- Sound, read, and mark one and two vowel words phonetically
- One and two vowel rules
- Learn, apply, and review phonics rules:
- Recognize, read, and mark 52 special sounds phonetically
- Apply phonics concepts to reading:
 - Blends
 - One- and two-vowel words
 - Simple sentences and stories

Phonics (cont.)

- Words with special sounds
- Compound words
- Apply phonics concepts to spell dictated words
- Learn purpose of a story title
- Recognize words that rhyme
- Learn that words ending in ('s) are possessive
- Letter picture recognition and association
- Blend and word association with picture
- Apply phonics concepts through abundant guided and independent practice activities including:
 - Color by letter and sound
 - Associate sentence with picture Decode hidden pictures through letters and sounds
 - Sound recognition
 - Choose the correct ending sound/letter
 - Choose the correct beginning sound/letter
 - Dictation for developing sound recognition and spelling application
 - Finish the sentence
 - Word recognition with creative drawing
 - Order words correctly to finish a sentence

Reading

- Students progress through 23 readers
- Read and decode by applying phonics sounds, special sounds, rules, and sight words
- Practice and Improve:
 - accuracy
 - correct enunciation
 - expression
 - comprehension
- Strive for:
 - smoothness
 - fluency
 - appropriate volume
 - alertness to punctuation
 - appropriate pace, poise
- Answer factual comprehension questions

Sight Words

Kindergarten students build strong sight-word identification skills and improve comprehension and fluency with rainbow writing, tracing and printing, word building, word pyramids, word blending, missing letters, and a variety of word and letter puzzles.

200 sight words have been selected for kindergarten from the Dolch and Fry frequently used word lists. They are learned using the following techniques:

- Introduce New Sight Words - Look and say words, pronounce featured sight words
- Review Sight Words - Look and say words, fluently pronounce taught sight words
- Build a Sentence - Put sight words together to make a phrase or sentence using word cards that contain taught patterns and syllable types
- Read the Sentence / Read the Story - Read sentences with taught sight words and word patterns; apply flexible strategy to determine pronunciation of unknown words

Writing

Kindergarten students learn to express thoughts and knowledge in written form. Free writing, creative writing, and content writing about the current unit being studied is the focus of kindergarten writing.

- Writers Workshop
- Thematic Writing
- Board Work

Handwriting (Manuscript/Printing Only)

- Students develop and achieve:
 - Good writing posture; proper pencil hold; slanted paper position
 - Careful writing
 - Correct letter placement and formation
 - Good overall appearance of written work
 - Good control of fine motor skills
 - Writing first and last name
- Follow step-by-step instruction using key strokes
- Correctly write:
 - Upper and lowercase letters
 - Blends, one and two vowel words
 - Sentences
- Complete guided as well as independent practice writing worksheets
- Know Sentence Structure
 - Capitalize letters at beginning of sentences
 - Place a period, exclamation point, or question mark at end of sentences
 - Express a complete thought

SCIENCE

Kindergarten is an excellent time to begin satisfying the natural curiosity of young minds. The purpose of our science units is to stimulate young children's interest in God's creation and add knowledge to the existing information they have about the world around them.

Health & Human Body

- Designed by God
- Parts of the body: eyes, nose, tongue, ears, skin
- Safety guidelines
- Growth
- Hygiene

Weather

- Kinds of weather: sunny, cloudy, windy, hot, cold, rainy
- Storms: thunder, stay inside for safety
- Snow: made of air, water, and dust; six points •
- Wind: air that moves, breeze
- Dressing appropriately

Seasons

- Spring: planting time, baby animals
- Summer: hot weather, plants grow
- Fall: harvest time, leaves change colors, animal preparation
- Winter: cold, resting time, snow; animals grow warm coats or sleep

Seeds & Plants

- Seeds grow into the plant they came from (tiny plant inside seed)
- Steps of plant growth; parts of a plant
- Seeds need sunshine, water, soil
- Planting: farmers, animals, wind
- Seeds to eat such as corn, strawberries, beans

Animals

- God's care
- Baby animal names
- Born alive or hatch from eggs
- Animal instincts
- Animal homes such as holes, nests, tunnels
- Insects such as bumblebees, ladybugs, crickets

Science – Animals (cont.)

- Spiders: eight legs, spider homes
- Zoo animals such as monkeys, bears, snakes
- Bird, reptiles, amphibians
- Farm animals such as cows, pigs, chickens
- Pets: proper care

Seashore

- Kinds of seashores: rocky or sandy (beach)
- Animals such as fish, crabs, starfish, sea gulls

Science Units by Season

- **Fall Units:** Apple, Johnny Appleseed, Leaves, Pumpkins, Weather, Fall , Healthy Habits, Germs, Nocturnal Animals
- **Winter Units:** Arctic Unit, Penguin Life Cycle and Migration, Weather (Snow, Ice etc.), Winter, Hibernation, Dental Health, Groundhog
- **Spring Unit:** Life Cycle of a Flower, Frogs, Butterflies, Plants and Seeds, Growing Plants, Habitats (pond life, forest, marshes, swamps, bogs) Insects, Sea Life and Oceans, Animals (Forrest, farms , jungle, zoo and pets)

SOCIAL STUDIES

The social studies curriculum for kindergarten provides an introduction to community helpers, beginnings of American history, simple geography and also features seasonal units.

- Families and Community Helpers
- Fire Safety
- Veterans Day
- America: Our Great Country
- Introduction to the history of America with historical figures such as:
 - Christopher Columbus
 - First Thanksgiving: Pilgrims and Native Americans
 - Presidents: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln
 - Black History: Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks
- Landmarks and symbols:
 - American Flag
 - Statue of Liberty
 - Washington, D.C.
 - Currency (“In God We Trust“)
 - Liberty Bell

Social Studies – Landmarks and Symbols (cont.)

- Mt. Rushmore
- Bald eagle
- Globe studies:
 - 50 Nifty United States
 - Delaware Our State
 - Neighboring Countries,
 - 7 Continents,
 - 4 Oceans
- Directions:
 - North, South, East, West
 - North Pole and South Pole
 - Equator
- Children of the World: Learn about the landscape, location, famous landmarks, historical people, and culture of different countries.

DEVELOPMENTAL SKILLS

Kindergarteners develop writing readiness, hand-eye coordination, visual perception, listening and thinking skills, and good character through a variety of developmental skills.

Social & Personal Skills

- Learn respect for people and property
- Develop good character including: kindness, courtesy, gentleness, obedience, truthfulness, attentiveness, respect, good manners, helpfulness, cheerfulness, orderliness, diligence, dependability, thoughtfulness, self-control, unselfishness, and generosity.
- Learn good telephone manners and how to handle emergency situations.

Health & Safety Skills

- Eat a balanced diet / Good nutrition
- Develop good dental care habits
- Develop good personal hygiene
- Value adequate rest and exercise
- Learn home, school, playground, community & traffic sign safety guidelines

Visual Perception Skills Development

- Separate items into groupings
- Maneuver through mazes
- Find hidden shapes
- Recognize and reproduce missing parts
- Use lines and shapes to assemble a directed drawing
- Create pictographs, bar graphs, tally charts
- Identify opposites and positional words
- Recognize similarities
- Associate items with the appropriate place
- Recognize items out of place
- Create objects through paper folding or shapes
- Identify and assemble 3-D shapes
- Draw missing items
- Order events in sequence
- Read maps and map keys

Motor Skills Development

Refine motor skills through grade-appropriate activities learning to use different types of manipulatives with an increasing level of difficulty:

- Coloring, cutting; free art (creative drawing on a blank page), painting, and gluing
- Buttoning and unbuttoning, tying shoes, zipping, and unzipping
- Manipulative examples include: Play dough, puzzles, interlocking and building blocks, lacing cards, stringing beads, tracing objects and shapes
- Simple science tools such as magnets, magnifying glasses, planting seeds

Listening Skills Development

- Identifying sounds
- Imitating sequences of rhythms such as snapping, clapping, stomping
- Listening carefully to follow oral directions
- Classifying things in categories
- Solving riddles

SPECIAL EVENTS

Campus Special Events

- Back to School Barbeque
- Meet the Teacher
- Prayer Convocation
- Grandparents Day
- Spirit Week / Homecoming
- Veterans Day Assembly

Elementary Special Events

- Weekly Chapel
- Quarterly Academic Honor Roll.
- Bi-annual MaryBeth Huey Garden Planting and Harvest
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Christmas Concert
- Class Parties – Christmas, Valentine’s Day, Easter, and Year-end
- International Fair – Hosted by Fifth Grade
- Spring Program / Concert
- Field Day
- Year End Awards Ceremony

Field Trips - Kindergarten

- Hagley Museum (Colonial Life Study)
- Ashland Nature Center (Insect and Habitats)

Special Events - Kindergarten

- Johnny Appleseed Day
- Pumpkin Day
- Hundreds Day
- Gingerbread Unit
- Dr. Suess
- Kindergarten Graduation