

Ascension School Kindergarten Curriculum

Handwriting

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Learn to hold a pencil correctly
- Practice forming Arabic numbers 0-30
- Follow left-to-right progression
- Develop spatial relationships
- Refine eye-hand coordination
- Learn and practice forming full name
- Correct D'Nealian formation of letters.

CONTENT:

- upper and lower case letters
- Arabic numbers 0-30
- spatial relationships
- correct pencil manipulation

Spelling

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Learn to spell first and last names
- Memorize sight words

CONTENT:

- word banks of recognizable vocabulary
- name recognition and proper spelling

Ascension School Kindergarten Curriculum

Mathematics

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Identify, understand and write whole numbers 0-31
- Recite numbers in sequence 0-100
- Recite numbers by 5's, 5-100
- Recite numbers by 10's, 10-100
- Find sums by adding 1 or 2
- Find differences by subtracting 1 or 2
- Identify two and three dimensional shapes
- Recognize coins and their values (penny, nickel, dime, quarter, dollar)
- Show meaning of position terms – big/little, in/out, over/under, up/down
- Identify ordinals first through tenth
- Construct mental picture of object to the numerals
- Tell time to the whole hour
- Process: joining/separating, comparing, ordering, sorting, (length, weight, capacity, classifying)

CONTENT:

- numbers 1-100
- adding
- subtracting
- forming numbers
- skip count by 2's, 5's and 10's
- sequence
- coin identification
- values

Ascension School Kindergarten Curriculum

Reading/Language Arts

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Apply the concept of vowels and consonants
- Associate upper & lower case letters with sound, name & formation
- Associate pictures with written words
- Apply left-to-right directionality
- Utilize word attack skills
- Recognize patterns within words
- Recognize and apply concept of relative size
- Trace and write D'Nealian letters and words
- Show appreciation for literature
- Identify grade-level sight words
- Apply auditory identification of letters
- Utilize concept of auditory and visual sequence
- Speak in complete, coherent sentences
- Retell a story
- Make inferences
- Utilize listening skills
- Identify the concept of shapes, sizes

Reading/Language Arts

CONTENT:

- grade-level sight words
- reading comprehension
- phonetic awareness
- directionality
- letters, words, spaces between words
- rhyming words
- inferences
- conversation
- retelling stories
- conversation
- punctuation marks: period, question mark
- expressive language
- receptive language
- word attack
- oral reading
- sequences
- pictures and their meanings
- listening
- sentences-speaking and writing

Ascension School Kindergarten Curriculum

Religion

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Express awareness of God's love seen in creation
- Express awareness of God's love as seen by His presence among us
- Appreciate his/her uniqueness and the uniqueness of others
- Express awareness that God's love gives us Jesus, family
- Demonstrate Christian love through signs of kindness and awareness of needs around the world
- Celebrate the seasons of the Liturgical year and the feasts of Mary, Jesus, and the saints
- Pray the sign of the cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Angel of God and Prayer before Meals
- Learn the importance of family and home and how families change
- Demonstrate ways to respect life of all living things
- Acknowledge differences and likenesses of boys and girls
- Learn how to be a good friend

CONTENT:

- Jesus, Mary and the Saints
- God's love for us and our families
- Prayer(s)
- Liturgical Year and celebrations, feasts
- Respect for Life
- Friendship
- When to say YES or NO
- Loving Jesus and others
- Importance of families and friends

Ascension School Kindergarten Curriculum

Science

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Identify the senses, use and importance
- Recognize the elements of weather
- Identify the parts of the human body
- Understand living and non-living environmental concepts
- Develop an understanding of movement
- Listen and learn about plants and animals

CONTENT:

- the five human senses
- weather-sun, clouds, rain, wind, temperature, seasons
- push, pull, wheels, magnets
- identification of body parts
- key elements to good health
- birth, growth, change
- sun, moon, stars, planets

Ascension School Kindergarten Curriculum

Social Studies

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Cultivate a global awareness of geography, countries, and peoples.
- Appreciate and respect our country and community
- Adjust and modify behaviors to a large group setting.
- Practice patterns of appropriate social behavior.
- Acquire skills in leadership, fellowship, and following.

CONTENT:

- community and community helpers
- holidays
- national and noteworthy people
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Maps
- National Geographic Magazine
- Scholastic Let's Find Out Magazine

Ascension School Kindergarten

Art

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Respect art materials.
- Learn classroom organization..
- Learn and apply skills of cutting, pasting and painting.
- Identify colors, shapes and textures.
- Know color names.
- Indicate concept of space.
- Identify and use basic symbols.
- Discuss patterns, colors and textures in nature.
- Learn art safety skills.
- Learn how to cut circles and other basic shapes.
- Identify differences in art media.
- Understand that lines make shapes.

CONTENT:

- art materials and supplies
- colors – names
- spatial relationships
- correct manipulation of scissors, crayons, etc.
- techniques
- line
- shape
- design

Ascension School Kindergarten Curriculum

Library Skills

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Learn the library is a place to find materials for enjoyment and information.
- Learn who librarian/s are and their role.
- Learn proper book care.
- Learn library manners.
- Learn the location of the Easy Book section (picture books).
- Learn to choose materials independently.
- Learn how to check out and return a book.

CONTENT:

- library
- librarian
- book care
- book location in library
- choosing books
- check and return books

Ascension School KINDERGARTEN Curriculum

Music

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Learn to recognize melodies.
- Sing alone and with a group.
- Sing in tune and learn to match pitches.
- Learn to keep a steady beat.
- Explore how musical sounds are produced.
- Play simple rhythm instruments.
- See and hear over 150 real instruments.
- Develop skill in controlling movement.
- Learn simple dances.

CONTENT:

- group interaction
- cooperation
- self-expression
- enthusiasm for music
- artistic expression
- participation at comfort level
- enjoyment of music
- traditional, folk, and seasonal songs and dances
- singing
- creative movement
- listening

Ascension School Kindergarten

Physical Education

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Provide positive physical activity experiences that encourage a healthy lifestyle.
- Follow simple directions alone and as a group.
- Throw and catch balls
- Perform locomotion and nonlocomotor movements
- Learn body management skills
- Begin jumping rope

CONTENT:

- bouncing, catching and throwing balls and beanbags
- skipping, galloping, dancing and leading with left or right foot
- simple games
- body management, kicking, arm movements
- following directions
- special awareness (hoops, beanbags, balls and parachute)
- physical education safety

Ascension School KINDERGARTEN Curriculum

Spanish

GOALS:

The students of Ascension School will:

- Develop oral language with a focus on listening, writing, reading and speaking skills.
- Develop awareness of Spanish speaking cultures.
- Compare language and culture to the students' own language and culture.
- Create awareness that the target language is used outside the classroom.
- Communicate through basic words and short memorized phrases within a given context.
- Provide multiple modalities to learn Spanish using song, video presentations, smart board learning charts, review games, use of puppets and traditional textbook learning.

CONTENT:

- introductions and greetings
- numbers 1-10
- colors
- classroom objects
- family
- food
- clothing
- community
- cultural study of Spanish speaking countries