

Curriculum for Columbia Academy Jr. Kindergarten

Bible Curriculum:

Bible curriculum includes *Circle of Friends* (devotional school wide), and daily Bible stories from the *Beginner Bible*. We sing songs to reinforce Bible knowledge and good character daily.

Handwriting Curriculum:

Handwriting Without Tears curriculum used to strengthen fine motor skills in a way that is fun and interactive. In Jr. Kindergarten we use the **Handwriting Without Tears Get Set for School** program made up of a workbook, multisensory products and music.

The **Get Set for School** program has so many child-friendly, developmentally appropriate materials and activities. Children play, build, sing, color and learn while developing important skills for kindergarten:

- Language Proficiency
- Social Skills
- Fine and Gross Motor Control
- Color and Shape Awareness
- Letter and Number Recognition
- Counting

The **Get Set for School** program suits a wide range of children and adapts to their changing needs as they grow.

Phonics Curriculum:

The Jr. Kindergarten phonics curriculum is written by **Frog Street Press**. With the help of the Frog Street Press Alphabet Characters, the activities help children acquire an ear for language. Children hear specific sounds, identify sound sequence and understand the

role phonemes play in word formations. A strong foundation in phonemic awareness is necessary for success with phonics (letter-sound relationship), spelling and word recognition.

Math Curriculum:

The math curriculum used in Jr. Kindergarten is **Math Connects by Macmillan McGraw Hill**. *The organization and pacing of Math Connects helps ensure in –depth coverage of all Pre-K standards and a good start for Kindergarten. Math concepts taught include:*

- *Attributes*
- *Sort and Classify*
- *Position and Direction*
- *Shapes*
- *Numbers 0 to 5*
- *Patterns*
- *Numbers to 10*
- *Measurement*
- *Data and Graphs*
- *Adding and Subtracting*

Art Curriculum:

Children are by nature creative. In Jr. Kindergarten, a variety of art materials and methods are used. Children are encouraged to express themselves as they create art projects related to thematic units, seasons and weekly alphabet study. Directed art is also used to help children learn:

- Following oral and visual directions
- Develop fine motor skills
- Strengthen eye-hand coordination
- Learn to work individually and independently

Total Learning Concepts - TLC

Each day Jr. Kindergarten students take part in Total Learning Concepts or TLC. The children rotate to several different centers focusing on the areas of; literacy, phonics, math, music and brain engaging movements.

Computer Lab:

Each Jr. Kindergarten class goes to the Computer Lab weekly.

Apple iPads:

Each Jr. Kindergarten class has 4 iPads for student use. Each iPad has Apps and learning games appropriate for 4 and 5 year olds. The iPads are used for small group activities and whole group learning as well.