

## Kindergarten Overview

### Classroom Structure:

At King's, students experience integrated, interdisciplinary classes and labs with engaging, enriching curriculum through differentiated instruction and team teaching.

**Specialists:** Technology, Spanish, Vocal Music, Health Sciences and Physical Education, Art, Life Skills, Library

**Student/Teacher ratio:** 20:1

<b>School day:</b>	<b>Kindergarten</b>	8:15 am - 2:45 pm
	Morning Recess	15 minutes
	Lunch/Recess	25 minutes/ 30 minutes
	Afternoon Recess	15 minutes

### Kindergarten Distinctive:

King's Kids become confident, self-directed learners ready to solve challenges set before them. Using a hands-on inquiry based approach, students discover the world through the lens of science, math, and literacy. With opportunities for cooperative and collaborative experiences, students develop leadership skills and a desire to serve others.

### Spiritual Life:

- **Bible:** Emphasis is on relating Christian faith to everyday life experiences and decisions; memorizing Scripture; presenting Jesus Christ as Savior and friend; and developing Christian character and an awareness of spiritual needs in our world. An overview of the Bible occurs throughout the year.
- **Bible Memorization:** Emphasis is on letter identification through memorization of weekly Bible verses.
- **KIDS Praise:** Emphasis is student involvement in a weekly worship environment with exposure to Christian beliefs through guest pastors from the community.
- **KING'S KIDS:** Emphasis is on Respect, Cooperation, Empathy and Responsibility.

### Academic Life:

#### Communication

- **Literacy:** Emphasis is on foundational reading skills, which includes letters and letter sounds, high frequency words, phonetic awareness and fluency. Students are extensively involved in literacy, written and oral language, modeling reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.
- **Spelling:** Emphasis is on phonetic awareness to spell short vowel words.
- **Writing:** Emphasis is on writing traits, developing research skills, editing and revising.

- **Listening/Speaking:** Emphasis is on continuing a conversation through multiple exchanges, asking and answering questions on topic, describing with detail familiar people, places and things.
- **Library:** Emphasis is on developing an enthusiasm and appreciation for literature, book care, library procedures, and cultivating a love of written language.
- **Spanish:** Emphasis is on developing receptive language skills using music, games, activities, and stories to develop a love for the Spanish language and culture.

## STEM

- **Science:** Emphasis is on how God created our bodies, different kinds of animals and plants, and characteristics of weather and seasons.
- **Technology:** Emphasis is on navigating desktop programs and applications in Reading, Spelling, Writing, Math and Social Science.
- **Engineering:** Emphasis is on designing simple machines with motors and battery packs.
- **Mathematics:** Emphasis is on introducing children to think mathematically about problems and their solutions. Students investigate, discover, explore, and apply their own solutions to mathematical problems. Emphasis is on numbers 0 to 100; solids and shapes; ordinal numbers; addition and subtraction stories; measurement, coins, and their values.

## Social Sciences

- **Social Studies:** Emphasis is on developing respect for others, celebrating holidays and their meaning from a Christian perspective, appreciating and learning about different cultures, developing respect for our country and Christian heritage, and respect for God's creation.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:** Emphasis is on skill development, physical fitness, and the knowledge to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Games and activities are used for integrating physical activity, character building, skill improvement and enjoyment of the active bodies God has given us.
- **Life Skills and Social Responsibility:** Emphasis is on being engaged learners by learning to control impulses, stay focused and follow rules. Students learn about empathy and compassion and how they can use it in their relationships. Students learn how to play fair.

## Fine Arts

- **Art:** Emphasis is on art appreciation and literacy, developing skills, and free expression in the visual arts.
- **Vocal Music:** Emphasis is on participation in group singing, rhythmic activities and musical games; reinforcing musical concepts through story and movement; and developing an appreciation for and enjoyment of music and worship.

## Grade Activities:

- **DISCOVERY Fridays:** Emphasis is on specialized labs that bring exciting, enriching, inspiring explorations in STEM for students in K-6.

- **Service:** Emphasis is on serving and helping other people; locally, regionally, and globally.
- **Extended Learning Trips:** The Farm, Woodland Park Zoo, Community visit(s), Children's Theatre
- **Events:** Fall Parent Information Night, Taproot Theater Anti-bullying, Christmas and Spring Concerts, KIDS Praise Leadership, Hooray Day, Knights of Honor, Robotics Teams, Experience King's Open House.

## Learning Resources:

- **Bible:**
  - Kindergarten Learning About God: Positive Action for Christ.
- **Literacy: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar**
  - Journeys: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- **Spanish:**
  - ¡Hola niños!: K-3 TPRS Curriculum.
- **Science:**
  - Science: Harcourt Publishing.
- **Technology:**
  - Kindergarten Works
- **Engineering:**
  - Simple Machine Kits, LEGO Education.
- **Mathematics:**
  - Math in Focus, Singapore Math: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- **Social Science:**
  - Here We Go: Scott.
- **Life Skills:**
  - Second Step: Committee For Children
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:**
  - Dynamic PE for Elementary School Children, (Dauer & Pangraz.)
  - Physical Education for Lifelong Fitness: NASPE (National Association for Sport and Physical Education).
  - Physical Fitness Games and Activities: Mary Kotnour, Parker Publishing Co.
- **Art:**
  - How Great Thou ART: Jody Coulston.
- **Vocal Music:**
  - Music for Little Mozarts: Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.
  - Theory Time for Kindergarten: Theory Time Partners Harcourt Foresman.
- **Online Reference Tools:**
  - Smartboard Notebook, Discovery Streaming, Worldbook, ProQuest, Culture Grams, Grolier, Think Central, YouTube and more.