



Little Flock Preschool

K4 – 4 Year Old Program

*Children must be 4 years old by September 30th

Program Overview

In our K-4 program, we use a wide range of teaching methods to ensure that every child is given an opportunity to learn in a style best fit for them. We use the A Beka Curriculum, but also incorporate additional lessons, many created by our teachers, to enhance the learning experience.

Special Activities

Every month our K-4 classrooms have special activities planned. Many of these activities are great for the growth and development of our children spiritually, academically, socially and physically. The following are our 2008-2009 school year list of events:

September

Red, White, and Blue Week
Johnny Appleseed's Birthday
Ms. Cathy's Children's Productions

October

Teddy Bear Day
Fall Festival

November

Thanksgiving Lunch
Operation Christmas Child

December

Christmas Concert

January

Fire Safety Puppet Show

February

Ms. Cathy's Children's Productions
100th Day Celebration
Valentine's Card Exchange

March

Dr. Seuss' Birthday
Book-It Beginners
Welcome Spring Week

April

Book-It Beginners
Easter Concert
Easter Egg Hunt

May

Mother's Day Tea
Watermelon Day

Specials

Our K-4 program includes daily specials to help our children grow into well rounded students. These include:

- Foreign Language - Spanish or Arabic
- Music
- Computer
- Chapel
- Daily Recess

Bible

We have daily Bible lessons following, but not limited to, the A Beka Bible Curriculum. On Wednesdays, Bible is held in the chapel, and is taught by Father Anthony. Our Bible objectives include...

- Learning Both Old Testament and New Testament Stories
- Understanding Basic Biblical Doctrines
- Memorizing at Least 26 Bible Verses Throughout the Year
- Obtaining a Greater Realization of the Importance of Prayer
- Working Towards Building a Relationship with Jesus Christ

Text: Bible, A Beka Bible Flashcards and Stories, A Beka Bible Doctrinal Drill,

Support Materials: A Beka Bible Verse Flashcards, Videos, Life Application Illustrations, Crafts, Children's Bibles, Songs and Poems

Content: Our Bible lessons include both old testament and new testament stories, emphasizing the life of Jesus. Bible time allows the children to not only learn the stories, but also to ask questions and have small discussions. We introduce both group and individual prayer and also work on memorizing at least 26 verses. Throughout the school day, the children are encouraged by their teachers, to apply what they have learned during Bible time. This helps them to make good choices, it is used as a form of encouragement, and it promotes healthy relationships with peers, teachers, and families.

Phonics and Reading

The A Beka curriculum has a strong emphasis on phonics and reading. We try to express the importance of reading by reading daily to our classes. We feel it is important to set a good example for God's children by making reading part of our daily routine. Our phonics and reading objectives are...

- Recognition of Letters and Letter Sounds
- Reading Blends
- Reading One-Vowel Words
- Marking Long, Silent and Short Vowels
- Reading Two-Vowel Words
- Understanding the Concept of a Sentence
- Basic Reading Comprehension
- Increase Smoothness, Speed and Expression

Text: A Beka ABC-123 Workbooks, A Beka Writing with Phonics Workbooks, A Beka Little Books, A Beka Little Owl Book Set

Support Material: A Beka Letter Flashcards, A Beka Vowel and Consonant Charts, A Beka Phonics Learning Games, A Beka Blend Cards, A Beka One-Vowel Word Cards

Content: The A Beka Phonics and Reading Curriculum starts with a basic introduction of letters and sounds. Accompanied with phonics games, the class learns their letters and sounds as a group. As the first semester continues, blends are introduced. Then we begin reading one and two vowel words. Seat work is given to help connect what is being learned verbally, visually. At the beginning of the second semester, classes are split into smaller groups, called reading groups. Each group is created according to the ability and self-confidence of each child. This allows the teacher to work at a pace that best suits the individual.

Cursive Writing

At Little Flock, we stand by the A Beka philosophy of starting children off with cursive handwriting. K-4 cursive writing objectives are...

- Writing Lower Case and Capital Letters

- Writing Letter Blends and Words
- Writing Own First Name
- Learning Correct Formation and Neatness of Letters

Text: A Beka ABC Writing Tablet, A Beka Writing with Phonics

Support Material: A Beka Individual Cursive Formation Cards, A Beka Cursive Formation Chart

Content: Cursive writing provides many benefits for a young child. By joining the letters, children have an easier time understanding the blending of sounds within words, which helps them learn to read. It is also easier for a child to learn to write in curves rather than ball and stick manuscript. The idea is also to continue developing good writing, rather than unlearning one form of writing (manuscript), just to learn a new form of writing (cursive).

Numbers

It is important for young children to understand number concepts to help prepare them for basic mathematics. In K-4, our objectives include...

- Number Recognition
- Counting 1-100
- Number Concepts 1-20
- Numbers Before and After
- Numbers Largest and Smallest
- Addition Facts (1+1, 2+1, 3+1, etc.)
- Writing Numbers

Text: A Beka ABC-123 Workbook

Support Materials: Numbers Charts and Games

Content: A Beka's ABC-123 workbook allows for children to see numbers in print, learn to write numbers, and provides activities in which the children learn to use numbers. We also use A Beka games, as well as teacher created games and songs, for a hands-on approach to learning. A Beka also offers many posters and number cards, which help visual learners and each classroom is equipped with a daily calendar, puzzles, games, and manipulative that allow the children to learn through play.

Language Development

The A Beka Language Development curriculum promotes good language skills, good listening skills, develops Christian character traits, and develops children's knowledge in a wide range of areas. At Little Flock, we use other resources to compliment the A Beka language development materials. We use books, songs, puppets, dress up clothes, and we have special visitors such as Ms. Cathy Children's Productions and the Fairfax Fire Department to help us better understand topics we are learning about.

Teaching Materials: A Beka Language Development Cards, A Beka Character Development Visuals, A Beka Health and Safety Visuals, A Beka Language Enrichment Cards, Growing Up with Amber Lamb, Poetry for You and Me, and Preschool Poems and Finger Plays.

Course Content: The Language Development Curriculum emphasizes the development of language skills and listening skills by exploring God's created world and our environments around us. Some of the topics included are colors, shapes, animals, transportation, seasons, countries, community helpers, health, safety, manners, opposites, and the five senses. Poems and finger plays are a fun addition to the curriculum. Not only do they help teach the material, but they also help with finger dexterity and increase interest in poetry and rhymes. We also provide a friendly classroom environment that encourages children to ask questions, to speak openly, and to pray in front of groups. We work on building their self-confidence and we help them understand that God gives each child a special gift and talent that may be different from their friends.

Arts and Crafts

Text: A Beka Readiness Skills, A Beka K-4 Art Projects

Support Material: Arts and Crafts Supplies

Content: We use arts and crafts projects to enhance lessons in our weekly curriculum. Each teacher also incorporates his/her own special projects for seasonal themes and special occasions.