

## Growing Years Christian School Kinder Fives Expectations

During his or her Kinder Fives experience, your child will experience many activities in all areas of development.

### **Social:**

- Φ Develop positive self-esteem.
- Φ Learn to work and play with others.
- Φ Learn to work independently.
- Φ Learn to follow directions and classroom expectations.
- Φ Demonstrate respectful and responsible behaviors.
- Φ Be polite and kind.

### **Physical:**

- Φ Learn to use classroom equipment and supplies appropriately.
- Φ Develop large motor skills involving body movement and coordination
  - through running, skipping and rhythmic activities.
- Φ Develop small motor skills by using clay, tracing activities and cutting.



## What will my child learn in Kinder Fives?

### Reading Readiness

Kinder Fives is a critical time to lay the foundation for becoming a successful reader. Your child will learn to:

- ⊕ Recite the alphabet.
- ⊕ Recognize both upper and lower case letters.
- ⊕ Correctly say each letter's sound.
- ⊕ Learn basic concepts of print:
  - holding a book correctly;
  - tracking words left to right;
  - reading from the top to the bottom of the page;
  - identifying the front and back cover and title page;
  - understanding the correlation between spoken and printed words.
- ⊕ Identify initial and final sounds in spoken words.
- ⊕ Identify rhyming and non-rhyming words (sun/run vs. sun/man).
- ⊕ Determine word meanings from the way they're used in a sentence.
- ⊕ Make story predictions based on the title, cover, pictures and text.
- ⊕ Identify characters, setting, and key events in a story.
- ⊕ Retell stories in correct sequence.
- ⊕ Follow two and three-step directions using picture clues.



### Writing

Early writing skills are reported using one of five stages, showing continual growth from kindergarten through the primary grades.

- ⊕ Stage 1 involves pictures and scribbling.
- ⊕ Stage 2 moves your child to the use of random letters, sometimes with correct initial sounds.
- ⊕ Stage 3 involves the use of initial sounds or both the initial and final sounds—mostly consonants (i.e., lk for like).
- ⊕ Stage 4 increases the use of vowels (lk becomes lik). As the words become longer, students begin to show an understanding of multiple-syllable words.
- ⊕ Stage 5 uses many correctly-spelled words in multiple, related sentences.



- ⊕ Kindergarten writing objectives involve:
  - ⊕ Generating story ideas as a class and drawing pictures to match.
  - ⊕ Working as a group to draft a story.
  - ⊕ Writing from left to right and showing space between words.
  - ⊕ Writing the alphabet in both upper and lower case letters.
  - ⊕ Writing first and last name on school papers.



## Mathematics

- Φ Count to 30.
- Φ Identify and write numbers through 30 (in or out of order).
- Φ Identify penny, nickel, dime, quarter and dollar.
- Φ Identify the symbols +, -, = and learn simple addition and subtraction through number 10.
- Φ Understand the concepts of above/below/between, smaller/larger, longer/shorter.
- Φ Identify, copy and create models of various shapes.
- Φ Sort objects by size, color and shape.
- Φ Create a variety of simple patterns.

## Science

- Φ Introduction to ...
  - Senses
  - Earth
  - Weather
  - Physical Science
  - Environmental Science

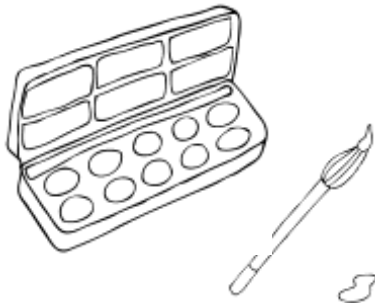


## Social Studies

- Φ Understanding ...
  - Community Helpers
  - Holidays and Seasonal Customs
  - Maps and Globes

## Oral Language

- Φ Strengthening oral skills by ...
  - Increasing vocabulary
  - Speaking in complete sentences in front of groups
  - Using creative dramatics, puppetry, chart stories, taped stories
  - Class discussions in small and large groups



## Art

- Φ Using assorted art materials
  - Paints
  - Clay
  - Papers
  - Chalk
  - Variety of tools

## Music

- Φ Involvement in ...
  - Rhythm
  - Songs
  - Chants
  - Use of instruments