

Kindergarten

FAMILY ORIENTED | PARENT FRIENDLY | ACADEMIC | SAFE | CURRICULUM DRIVEN | CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW | TEACHING HEAD AND HEART



Phil-Mont's Kindergarten Program

Welcome to our school & family

As an introduction to the elementary school, Phil-Mont's Kindergarten is both welcoming and challenging for young hearts and minds. Students enter the program with a wide range of abilities. Whether they are fully reading, still grasping a complete knowledge of upper and lower case letters, or are somewhere between, our goal is to get students ready for first grade and beyond. The Kindergarten teacher is Mrs. Angela Gunning.

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MISSION

to provide excellent academic education from a consistent Christian world-and-life view

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VISION

to train ambassadors and disciples of Christ who are thoughtful, responsible, and biblically literate stewards of God's gifts and callings

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GOAL

striving to become more dedicated children of God as we interact, learn, and grow together



Play Based Learning
Activities abound in class and even at recess.



Special Days
Grandparents Day, 100th school day, Chinese New Year, and many others.



Lockers for all
Full sized lockers or "unlockers" as students are taught to respect the property of others.

Details on curriculum & specials

BIBLE

1. Walking with God and His People - Christian Schools Intl.
2. Memory and application of Bible verses and stories
3. Praise and worship in music - Hymns and Scripture songs

LANGUAGE ARTS

1. Foundations and Frameworks and Wilson Phonics.
2. Writer's Workshop
3. Listen to stories and learn poems
4. Develop interest in reading/writing
5. Develop decoding strategies using phonics skills
6. Explore language patterns
7. Develop comprehension skills
8. Writing and spelling consonant/vowel/consonant words

MATH

1. Everyday Mathematics - University of Chicago
2. Simple addition and subtraction, patterns, graphs, numbering

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

1. Teacher directed area, taught in connection with calendar events and seasonal activities.
2. As we discuss God's world, we will utilize our maps in connection with Bible stories, children's books, current events and student (family) backgrounds.
3. Cultivation of a sense of wonder at the world God made.
4. Exploration with our senses in hands-on activities.
5. Units on Apples, Pumpkins, Native Americans, Snow, Black History Month, Penguins, Nutrition, Outer Space, Animals, Life Cycles, and more



**"I highly recommend Phil-Mont for anyone looking for a Christ-centered education for their children."
- current elementary parent**

2. The program aims at preparing a foundation for exposure to and achievement in reading, spelling, writing, mathematics and subject matter.

SPECIALS

These special classes are taught by other teachers at Phil-Mont

- ▶ **Physical Education (PE)** 2 days per week (30 minutes)
- ▶ **Library/Computer** - 1 day per week. Split between library time and computer lab time.
- ▶ **Art** - 1 day per week (45 minutes) going through art history
- ▶ **Music** - 2 days per week (30 minutes)
- ▶ **Chapel** - Tuesdays beginning at 8:30 - All elementary with music and a speaker. Parents are invited.
- ▶ **Class trips** include: Styer Orchard Farms & Elmwood Park Zoo. Parent helpers invited
- ▶ **Special events** include: Grandparents Day, Thanksgiving Feast, Big Brother/Big Sister program with 5th grade, 100th Day celebration, Christmas program, Weekly walks in the park, and a number of other unique classroom activities. Parents often are very active in these events.



Phil-Mont offers a diverse student body and experienced teachers who love God and love teaching children

DAILY SCHEDULE (SAMPLE)

- 8:05-8:15 Arrival
- 8:15-8:30 Morning Centers
- 8:30-9:00 Morning Meeting w/ prayer
- 9:00-10:55 Snack, Phonics, Bible, &/or Special
- 10:55 Recess
- 11:15 Writer's Workshop
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30-1:00 Quiet Time
- 1:05 Read Aloud
- 1:20-1:45 Recess
- 1:45-2:10 Math
- 2:10-2:40 Science/S.S. or Special
- 2:45 Pack Up & Dismissal