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# Kindergarten

## MUSIC

- Music class twice a week with a qualified music teacher
- Hymn of the month
- Children's fun/silly songs
- Introduction to musical symbols, vocabulary, and rhythm instruments

## ART & ENRICHMENT

- Weekly art projects emphasizing fine motor skills are reinforced through coloring, cutting, gluing, and finger painting
- P.E. class twice a week with age appropriate exercises and games
- Autumn - make "stone soup" as a class
- Thanksgiving - turkey cupcakes and pilgrim hats
- Christmas - decorate Christmas cookies
- Easter - bookmarks and placemats
- Natural History Museum Special Exhibits
- Captain Carl and Mobile Tide Pool (on campus)
- At least 2 educational and enjoyable field trips tied to the curriculum

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Holiday class parties
- Christmas musical
- Open house (special performance given by the kindergarten class)
- Spring musical
- Green eggs and ham day

**W**estminster Academy is a Christian school dedicated to sound academic training of the whole child - intellectually, spiritually, morally, and socially. The Word of God is our guide in leading the children to all truth. The three R's are important at Westminster. They are combined with an emphasis on responsibility, self-discipline, and respect for God and all authority which will provide a firm foundation for every area of adult life. Westminster seeks to encourage each child to do his best work in order to honor God with the talents and abilities God has given to him.

*Westminster Academy serves families by providing a strong academic setting in which children are challenged to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to live their lives for God's glory.*



## WESTMINSTER ACADEMY

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## LANGUAGE ARTS

We integrate phonics instruction to promote fluency in reading and accuracy in spelling.

- Recognize, say, and write the alphabet
- Print manuscript alphabet letters, upper and lower case with an emphasis on accurate and neat formation of letters
- Learn to write first and last name
- Identify and pronounce vowels and consonants
- Identify and pronounce all blends, diphthongs, and diagraphs
- Mastery of phonetic rules for words with one and two vowels
- Begin applying phonetic instruction through phonetic marking of words
- Read and spell a list of 30 sight words
- Weekly spelling tests by second semester
- Spelling words are sounded out using phonics and basic spelling rules
- Promotion of reading proficiency through daily oral reading, both one-on-one and in reading groups
- Use of headphones to follow along/hear stories
- By January all of our students are reading
- Story time with the teacher in which student dialogue is encouraged to recall the details and moral theme of the story
- Recognize rhyming words

## MATH

Our math program uses manipulatives (Cuisenaire rods, geo boards, counters, etc.) to teach and reinforce mathematical concepts.

- Learn the days of the week
- Learn the months of the year
- Learn numbers 1-100, both by counting and writing
- Learn to count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's to one hundred
- Memorize fact families to sums of 10 (both addition and subtraction)
- Learn concepts of before, after and in between
- Introduction to patterning and sequencing
- Learn concept of more/less and greatest/smallest
- Learn coin names and values
- Learn simple graphs
- Learn to tell time
- Flashcards used to develop speed and accuracy

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible instruction is not limited to Bible class but is consistently integrated throughout all areas of study to show God's sovereign design in all aspects of our world.

- Weekly Bible verse and catechism questions to increase knowledge of our creator
- Overview of the Bible taught through Bible stories
- Weekly chapel worship

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Safety, community, and patriotism are emphasized.

- Community workers and their job responsibilities, recognize and identify signs, basic rules of safety
- Learn the pledge of allegiance, stories and art projects about Presidents Washington and Lincoln
- Caring for God's world - being a good citizen, recycling, caring for pets
- Learning about God's creation - animals, seasons, the five senses
- Fairy tales, nursery rhymes and traditional stories

## SKILL BUILDING

- Practice good manners
- Learn how to follow directions
- Taught responsibility by being accountable for their backpacks, homework folders and classroom jobs
- Develop fine motor skills with emphasis on cutting, coloring and writing.
- Develop large motor skills with developmental jumps, skips and "animal walks"
- Practice throwing and catching balls/tossing balls in baskets
- Learn to tie shoes
- Learn how to use fasteners such as buttons, snaps, zippers and buckles

