



Hello Prospective Emmanuel Families!

The Kindergarten program here at Emmanuel is for five and six year olds and is designed to engage your child in English, Math, and other subjects. Part of the Emmanuel Kindergarten core curriculum is teaching your children about God's love for them through scripture and Bible stories. Our goal is to build your child's academic foundation so they are prepared for first grade and the years that follow. Here are just some of the awesome activities your child will also be involved in:

- In Miss Beekman's Kindergarten class, your child will get to experience having a high school buddy and a third/fourth grade buddy. This helps teach our older buddies how to be a good leader and gives the kindergarteners someone to look up to in the older grades. This also helps our school grow closer together. Kindergarteners will do crafts with their buddies, play outside with them, and so much more.
- Several times a year, Kindergarten leads chapel. Children are able to sing songs and even participate in the lesson.
- We go on educational field trips to various places around Ohio to help us grow in our understanding of science.
- Once a month, children will be able to participate in exciting activities in both Kindergarten and TK. We do these fun activities based on a set theme for the month. The children will rotate between the two classrooms to experience themed activities.
- Every year Kindergarten has a bug month! We talk about different bugs and how they are similar and different. Kindergarteners get to see a live praying mantis egg hatch and see the many baby praying mantises. Students also see the life cycle of butterflies through live caterpillars into butterflies.
- Kindergarten has the following specials: gym, library, music, and art.
- Kindergarten students will also be able to practice using a computer. They will practice using a mouse, using a keyboard, and practicing with navigating through online games that are appropriate for their age group.
- Kindergarteners have a snack, a small nap/rest time, lunch, and recess every day.
- Kindergarten participates in several music productions throughout the year.
- We always celebrate birthdays and half birthdays!
- Kindergarten celebrates the 100th day of school with a pajama day and a day full of fun activities.

- We have parties for all of our holidays and fun themed activities throughout the day to match each holiday!
- Students have the opportunity to participate in exciting school events like Right to Read Week and Grandparent's Day.
- Students are able to learn the Bible through scripture memorization, Bible stories, and the fruits of the spirit.
- We talk about prayer and I have them practice saying a prayer by being my weekly prayer helper.
- Students will go in-depth with letters and sight words during Kindergarten. Each week we focus on 1-2 letters and 1-3 sight words. This helps students see each letter in multiple ways as they begin reading and writing. They will also get to learn different words that they will see or write regularly.
- Students will learn how to read and write by sounding out each letter of the word.
- We work all year on our handwriting and how to write a complete sentence. Students will learn how to write sentences by themselves through their sight word activities and sounding out each word.
- Students are able to participate in a classroom book and get it published! They get to be their own authors and illustrators!
- We use level based books in our language arts curriculum. We have books for advanced students and books on Kindergarten level. We also have books for students who may need a little extra help with what we are talking about that week.
- Students will learn numbers (1-20), 2D and 3D shapes, addition, subtraction, and so much more in Math class! We use manipulatives and the smart board to help us learn!
- We use scholastic news in our classroom to learn more about science and social studies.

These are just some of the types of activities that we do in Kindergarten. On a more personal note, being an alumna, I understand the importance of Christian education. Not only did I get the chance to experience the benefits of smaller classrooms, but I also had intentional one on one time with the teachers which helped me succeed academically. I valued the ability to discuss Jesus with my teachers and openly pray with them throughout the day and through the whole year. I remember Kindergarten specifically because that was the year I gave my heart to Jesus. I learned how awesome Jesus was through my family, school and church. Having the opportunity to hear my Kindergarten teacher go more in depth with Bible stories and memorizing verses made me understand Jesus' love for me and helped build my spiritual foundation. That is why Kindergarten will always have a special place in my heart.

As a teacher, I continue to see the value in Christian education. The ability to pray and talk about Jesus is an amazing opportunity for students to see and experience God in their lives. I also love being able to show them school is super fun and help them learn along the way to help them succeed. My goals in Kindergarten is for each student to be prepared for 1st grade, to learn to be a kind friend, and to know they are loved by God.

Thank you for showing interest in Emmanuel! I would love to meet with you and talk more! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

In His Service,
Miss Beekman