



## Enrichment

### Physical Education

Students will develop self-confidence and physical fitness during physical education. Focus will be placed on conditioning and developing large and small motor skills.

### Music

Students will participate in singing class songs. They will use rhythm instruments to demonstrate tempos and rhythm. The children will listen to music and identify the instruments used. Students will also study the composer Johann Sebastian Bach.

### Computer

The classroom teacher teaches basic computer skills. Time in the computer lab begins in first grade.

### Library

Students will visit the school library once a week where they will listen and respond to stories from various genre. They will also learn library etiquette. Students may begin checking out books second semester.






### Field Trips

Selected field trips are scheduled throughout the year to enhance the curriculum and provide enrichment opportunities.




### Homework

Homework is a vital part of the learning process. Assignments are designed to extend or reinforce concepts learned in class. A homework folder will be handed out each Monday. Completed homework should be returned in the folder on Friday.

## Work Habits and Social Development

-  Displays self-confidence
-  Respects and obeys authority
-  Displays courteous and cooperative behavior
-  Works well independently
-  Completes seatwork and homework

## Motor Skills

-  Prints neatly and legibly
-  Demonstrates ability to cut and paste
-  Colors neatly within guidelines

## Special Events

Students will participate in a variety of special activities and events throughout the year. Highlights include celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and Mickey Mouse's Birthday. The end of the year is celebrated with a Western Rodeo.

## Additional Programs

### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are offered for students Kindergarten to 8th grade. There are two piano recitals in January and May. Every spring our school also participates in the ACSI Piano Festival.

### ACSI Activities

The Association of Christian Schools International offers opportunities for students to participate in activities with students from other local Christian Schools. ACSI activities for kindergarten will include the art festival.

This brochure is designed to give an overview of the curriculum taught at Foothill Christian School. The depth of each subject taught goes far beyond this brief description. For further insight, you may contact your child's teacher.

# Foothill Christian School



## Kindergarten Curriculum Overview



FOOTHILL  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Decidedly Academic. Distinctively Christian.

The mission of Foothill Christian School is to provide families with a Christ-centered, biblically-directed education which encourages the development of a personal relationship with God and which instills the vision and practice of excellence in academics, character and service to God and others.



## Language Arts

### Reading

- ✚ Practice phonics to sound out letters, blends, and words
- ✚ Recognize letters, words, and sounds and apply this knowledge to read simple sentences
- ✚ Use comprehension strategies to identify the basic facts and ideas in what is read, heard, or viewed
- ✚ Listen and respond to stories based on well known characters, themes, plots, and settings

### Writing

- ✚ Write words and brief sentences that are legible

### Listening and Speaking

- ✚ Speak with an age-appropriate command of standard English conventions
- ✚ Listen and respond to oral communication
- ✚ Speak in clear and coherent sentences
- ✚ Give brief recitations and presentations about familiar experiences and interests

### English Conventions

- ✚ Mechanics: Use capital letters and end marks
- ✚ Sentence Structure: Use simple sentences
- ✚ Spells grade-appropriate words

## Mathematics

### Number Sense

- ✚ Understand the difference between numbers and quantities
- ✚ Understand and describe simple addition and subtraction
- ✚ Use estimation strategies in computation and problem solving that involve numbers that use the ones and tens places
- ✚ Understand and use ordinal numbers
- ✚ Understand parts of a whole including a half and a quarter

### Algebra and Functions

- ✚ Sort and classify objects

### Measurement and Geometry

- ✚ Understand the concept of time and units to measure it; understand that objects have properties, such as length, weight, and capacity, and that comparisons may be made by referring to those properties
- ✚ Identify common objects in their environment and describe the geometric features
- ✚ Tells time to the hour and half hour
- ✚ Identifies and counts money

### Statistics, Data Analysis, and Probability

- ✚ Collect information about objects and events in their environment

### Mathematical Reasoning

- ✚ Make decisions about how to set up problems
- ✚ Solve problems in reasonable ways and justify their reasoning

## Science

Students will use hands-on activities to explore and observe. They will differentiate between solids and liquids. Students will study the major structures of plants and animals. They will recognize that the earth is made up of land, air, and water. Students will use the scientific method to observe and investigate.

## History

Students in kindergarten are introduced to basic geographic and historical connections between the world today and the world long ago. The stories of ordinary and extraordinary people introduce the concepts of courage, self-control, justice, heroism, leadership, deliberation, and individual responsibility. Emphasis is placed on civic behavior: how we interact respectfully with each other, following rules, and respecting the rights of others.

## Bible

Bible is taught as a separate subject, but is also integrated into all aspects of curriculum and campus life. The children learn, through their years at Foothill, the importance of their Christian faith and the value of serving others. We want all of our students to know the Lord on a personal level so that when they leave Foothill, they will be equipped to live a discerning lifestyle that honors God.

Kindergarten students will listen and respond to important Bible stories. They will also memorize key Bible verses.

Kindergarten is demonstrating FAITH IN ACTION by collecting pennies to build water wells in Ecuador.

The Association of Christian Schools International has recognized the FAITH IN ACTION program at FCS as an exemplary program.