



# KINDERGARTEN

## Classroom Overview

### ❖ General Information:

- Rancho Santa Margarita Christian School (RSMCS) offers an academic Kindergarten program with the same hours as our elementary students, 8:15 am - 2:45 pm. During the school day, children study reading (with an emphasis on a strong phonics base), Bible, math, science, and social studies. Students also participate in music, art, Spanish, and PE. All subjects are taught to meet or exceed the California State Standards. RSMCS is fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

## Spiritual & Social

### ❖ Bible:

- 4 days per week
- Children are introduced to both Old and New Testament Bible stories and characters with a focus on studying the loving character and nature of God.
- Students memorize and recite different Bible verses weekly. Children are taught that the Bible reveals God's plan for living wisely and righteously and learn how to apply Bible truths to their everyday lives.
- Textbook: *K5 Bible Truths* (BJU Press)

### ❖ Chapel:

- Chapel each week with worship and message

### ❖ Social:

- Emphasis on Christian character development and biblical conflict resolution. Learning Christian character traits allows children the opportunity to develop these traits in their own lives.
- Students are introduced to a structured classroom setting where they are encouraged to exhibit good behavior, both inside and outside of the classroom.

## Academic

### ❖ Mathematics:

- 5 days per week
- Children are introduced to the concept of numbers 1 through 100. relationships between numbers, simple addition and subtraction, time, units of measurement, and money.
- Textbooks: *My Math* (McGraw-Hill), *Puppy Dog Math*

### ❖ Language Arts & Reading:

- 5 days per week
- Children learn to read using a phonics-based curriculum, starting with letter and sound recognition.
- As the students gain proficiency, reading will extend to words, sentences, and books.
- Children learn handwriting of all the letters using Zaner-Bloser manuscript writing.
- Write Reflections teaches kindergarten children the mechanics of writing a sentence with capital letters and punctuation. Children will be introduced to a topic sentence and two main ideas.

## Academic Continued

- Students learn vocabulary and how to appreciate literature.
- Textbooks: *Beginnings* (BJU Press), *Reading Books for K5* (BJU Press), *Phonics Stories* (BJU Press), *Basic Phonics Readers* (A Beka)
- ❖ **Science & Health:**
  - Weekly integrated units introduce students to a variety of age-appropriate themes and topics throughout the school year and include lessons from Mystery Science.
  - Emphasis on exploring the world around us. Students will realize God's plan for themselves, for weather, seasons, seeds, and for animals. Students also study nutrition.
- ❖ **History & Geography:**
  - Weekly integrated units introduce students to a variety of age-appropriate themes and topics throughout the school year. Studies Weekly and Abeka materials are used to teach history and geography.
  - Emphasis on studying community helpers, America, and places/customs around the world.
  - Special Activities: Field trip to Pretend City & the RSM fire station

## Enrichment

- ❖ **Physical Education:**
  - One day per week students participate in a variety of cardiovascular and strength building exercises. Throughout the year, students play various games and activities to learn body awareness and basic movement skills, including hopping, galloping, and skipping. Students are tested in the following basic motor skills each quarter: balance, jumping rope, skipping, and catching a ball.
- ❖ **Music:**
  - Music is a part of the regular classroom experience. Students also participate in a formal music curriculum outside the classroom..
  - Special Activities: Perform at Grandparents Day, Christmas Chapel, and various other venues during the school year. There are two auditioned annual musical productions.
- ❖ **Spanish:**
  - 1 day per week
  - Students learn basic Spanish words including numbers, colors, days of the week, months of the year, and words related to the family. They also learn Bible verses, prayer, and basic commands and phrases.
- ❖ **Art:**
  - A hands-on program that introduces students to the great artists and their work. Students engage in creative expression by painting their own masterpieces using the techniques of the masters.
- ❖ **Library:**
  - Emphasis on developing basic library research skills and on teaching students how to use the library as a resource to find age-appropriate books that match their interests for pleasure reading.
- ❖ **Technology:**
  - Kindergarteners use iPADS for reading and math enrichment. Interactive boards are used throughout the day to enhance the learning process. using technology.
  - Applications used: IXL, MAP by NWEA, Bible for Kids, Starfall

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