



KINDERGARTEN

GENERAL INFORMATION

RSM Christian School offers a full-day kindergarten program, starting with pledges, prayers, and worship. Homeroom teachers cover Bible, math, science, language arts, and social studies, all aligned with California State Standards. Enrichment subjects like PE, music, Spanish, STEAM, art, and library are taught by specialists. Students also attend field trips throughout the year. RSMCS is accredited by ACSI and WASC, and our teachers are Christian, ACSI certified, and credentialed.

SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL

Bible

Children explore Old and New Testament stories, focusing on God's loving nature. Students memorize and recite Bible verses weekly, learning that the Bible guides them to live wisely and righteously and apply its truths to daily life.

Curriculum: *DeepRoots Bible*

Chapel

Chapel each week with powerful worship and a relevant message. We encourage serving and loving others through our support of local and global outreach partners.

Social

Emphasis on Christian character development and biblical conflict resolution. Older students mentor younger ones through Prayer Partners, encouraging prayer and relationships. Focus on building independent study habits, executive functioning skills, academic and social responsibility, and a growth mindset to support students both in school and beyond.

ACADEMICS

Mathematics

Children are introduced to the concept of numbers 1 through 100, the relationships between numbers, simple addition and subtraction, time, units of measurement, and money.

Curriculum: *Purposeful Design (ACSI)*, *Puppy Dog Math*

Language Arts & Reading

Children learn to read using a phonics-based curriculum, starting with letter sounds and progressing to words, sentences, and books. They practice letter formation with Zaner-Bloser's manuscript writing and learn sentence mechanics, including capitalization and punctuation. Kindergarteners also explore topic sentences, main ideas, vocabulary, and develop an appreciation for literature.

Curriculum: *Beginnings* (BJU Press), *Reading Books for K5* (BJU Press), *Phonics Stories* (BJU Press), *Basic Phonics Readers* (ABeka), *Write Reflections*

Science & Health

Emphasis on exploring the world around us. Students will realize God's plan for themselves through the study of weather, seasons, seeds, animals, and nutrition. Weekly integrated units introduce students to various age-appropriate themes and topics throughout the school year.

Curriculum: *Mystery Science*

Social Studies

Emphasis on studying community helpers, America, and places/customs around the world. Weekly integrated units introduce students to various age-appropriate themes and topics throughout the school year.

Curriculum: *Children of the World* (ABeka) and *America, Our Great Country* (ABeka)

ENRICHMENT

Physical Education

Students participate in weekly cardiovascular and strength-building exercises, learning basic movements like hopping, galloping, and skipping. Each quarter, they are tested on balance, jump rope, skipping, and ball-catching skills.

Music

Music is integrated into the classroom and taught formally once a week. Students perform at events like Grandparents Day, Christmas Chapel, and other venues, and participate in two annual extracurricular musical productions.

Spanish

RSMCS students in kindergarten through sixth grade develop an appreciation for Spanish language and culture. They learn the alphabet, colors, numbers, days, months, family terms, animals, food, school-related vocabulary, Bible verses, prayers, and basic phrases. Students also sing Spanish songs to reinforce their learning.

Art

A hands-on program introducing students to great artists and their work. Students create masterpieces using various media and learn 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 through technology. Applications used are IXL, MAP by NWEA, Bible for Kids, and Starfall.

STEAM

Kindergarteners attend weekly STEAM class, exploring God's creation through activities like planting seeds, studying weather, and observing animals. They learn basic technology with tablets and coding toys and engage in problem-solving with blocks, Legos, and recycled materials.