

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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## KINDERGARTEN YEAR AT A GLANCE

The mission at St. John's Episcopal School is for each child to grow in maturity, knowledge, and in spirit. Our goal is to foster positive self esteem through engaging learning experiences. St. John's small class size enables faculty to focus on each child and meet his or her individual needs.

### **Language Arts / Reading**

- The language Arts Curriculum includes reading comprehension strategies, sight words and vocabulary, interactive writing, shared writing, and independent writing activities in daily journals as well as lessons in grammar
- Identify upper and lower-case letters in the sequence of the alphabet
- Saxon Phonics Curriculum focuses on phonemic awareness, alphabetic knowledge and phonics instruction
- Decode words for consonants, vowels and blends
- Recognize distinguishing features of a sentence including punctuation
- Daily 5 Literacy Stations reinforce all language art skills
- Zaner-Bloser handwriting program is used for manuscript writing skills

### **Mathematics**

- Envision math emphasizes concepts including numbers, patterns, measurement, symmetry, counting, money, time, place value, graphing, geometry, algebra, and fractions
- Apply mathematics to problems arising in everyday life
- Solve word problems
- Supplemented with independent practice and exploratory math tubs
- A math calendar notebook is also kept on a daily basis

### **Science**

- National Geographic, Discovery Education, and Houghton Mifflin Discover Works Science Curriculum units explore all aspects of science including life science and physical science
- Observe and describe the natural world using the five senses
- Identify parts of a plant
- Experiments are done in the classroom weekly
- Submit a class project for the school's science fair

### **Social Studies**

- Identify contributions of patriots, historical figures and good citizens
- Identifies the United States and Texas flags
- Identify tools that aid in determining location, including maps and globes
- Identify the physical characteristics of places such as landforms, bodies of water, natural resources and weather
- Time For Kids periodicals offers a variety of rich material intended to establish the foundation for responsible citizenship

### **Enrichments**

- Art, Music, Spanish, P.E., Technology, Godly Play and Library

### **Religion**

- Attend Chapel three days a week (Tuesday for Praise and Worship, Wednesday for Formal Chapel, Thursday for a Class Lead Chapel)
- The students also learn Bible stories in the classroom to promote Christian character