

## What Makes Our Kindergarten Special?

Assumption Catholic School's five-day full-day kindergarten is known for preparing students to be successful in first grade and beyond. Kindergarten is an important foundation year – a bridge from home and preschool to more formal schooling.

Assumption's kindergarten classes foster cooperative learning where each student forms a solid, developmentally appropriate foundation in the areas of reading, math, language arts, socialization, physical education and religion. Our kindergarten students regularly attend the library media center, music, physical education classes and Mass.

Kindergarten students must be five years old by August 31. All students are assessed for readiness in cooperation with parents.

### Interested in Enrollment?

- ◆ Schedule an appointment with the principal to learn about our unique program.
- ◆ Tour the school and observe a classroom.
- ◆ Attend a school Open House or the Kindergarten Information Night

To meet with the principal, schedule a tour or receive enrollment information call (360) 733-6133 or visit [www.school.assumption.org](http://www.school.assumption.org)



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**Kindergarten**

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## Curriculum

Our objectives are to foster cooperative learning and to have each child form a solid, developmentally appropriate foundation in the areas of reading, math, writing, and language skills. We work to build a feeling of accomplishment, pride in quality work, and positive self-esteem in each child.

### Reading

We concentrate on letter recognition, letter sounds, and printing letters. This is done through the Slingerland Method and Zoo Phonics plus cross-curricular letter-related activities.

Students are immersed in language experience with a focus on building phonics and phonemic awareness skills. We use a basal approach to reading, incorporating phonics, spelling, reading, and writing in an integrated and logical format.

The children are surrounded with language experiences including writing stories, making books, phonics, drama, music, journals, poetry and more. Whether it's new or review, everyone



### Math & Science

Our math program is an activity-based, language-oriented, problem solving approach to

mathematics. The activities include sorting and classifying, number sense, patterning, number recognition, measurement, counting by ones and tens, comparing, measuring, graphing, estimating, simple geometry, statistics/probability, algebraic sense, comparing and problem solving.

In our science program, kindergarten students will experience science principles in the areas of life science, physical science, earth science, nutrition and hygiene. These include: living/non-living (eggs, plants), plants, bears, frogs, sea life, magnets and the five senses.

### Social Studies

Kindergarten students will develop an appreciation and understanding of self and others. They will gain a better understanding of our diverse culture. Safety at home and school is included in the curriculum. Some areas covered are:

Presidents (Lincoln, Washington, and the current President), Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and Native Americans, Christmas, families, classroom rules, fire safety, strangers, symbols/flag and peacemakers such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Teresa.



### Written Expression

Assumption strives to provide instruction appropriate to the level of each child (alphabet, numbers, and names) through the Slingerland Handwriting Program. The student writes in a variety of forms for different purposes and audiences. Using steps of the beginning writing process, students print upper and lower case letters, learn letter and sound recognition and basic punctuation skills.

### Religion

Kindergarten students will gain spiritual enrichment through Catholic beliefs which include:

- Daily Prayer
- Daily Religion Lessons
- Weekly Mass
- Community Service
- Prayer Services

Additional units include Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. We participate in Mass and prayer services on a regular basis.



### Fine Arts

Kindergarten students will express their creativity through singing, movement, and art which is integrated throughout the curriculum. These areas include painting, drawing, cutting, pasting, building, elements of design.