

# PRESCHOOL



## Burge Terrace Curriculum Goals for Preschool

### Bible

**Bible Content:** The focus of the preschool Bible curriculum is character training and learning how to think God's way. Units include but are not limited to God's world, learning about myself, discovering God's Word, growing in obedience and kindness, thankfulness, giving, working, and trusting. Children learn that Jesus is the Way; Jesus is God; Jesus is our living Lord. They also learn simple disciplines of godly living, such as prayer, love, thoughtfulness, courage, contentment, etc.

**Character Emphasis:** Character traits are emphasized in application stories that correlate with Bible content and in analysis of positive/negative demonstrations included with most oral reading activities (e.g., *Five in a Row* unit studies in children's literature).

**Memory Verses:** Children memorize and quote 25+ scripture passages each year.

### Language Arts

**Letters:** Students are oriented to the names of the letters of the alphabet and the sounds the letters make (beginning phonics). They also learn how to recognize upper- and lower-case letters, how to print their names, how to distinguish between vowels and consonants, and how to blend two letters while hearing the combined sound.

**Language experience activities:** Children work with poetry, finger plays, drama, nursery rhymes, and stories to achieve vocabulary development and enrichment.

**Listening skills:** Children are introduced to literal, interpretive, critical, and appreciative picture-and-story interpretation; sound by direction, pitch, volume, and tempo; and rhyming words.

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| Music               | Children experience extensive exposure to songs, rhythm accompaniment, musical games and stories to develop their singing, listening, moving, and playing skills.  |
| Arts & Crafts       | Craft activities correlated with class themes develop creative expression, hand-eye coordination, fine-motor skills, and color recognition.  |
| Handwriting         | <i>Zaner-Bloser</i> materials help children master pre-writing skills (e.g., left-to-right, vertical, horizontal, diagonal, and curved line tracking), correct pencil position and paper placement, along with finger tracing and pencil tracking of letters A-Z and numbers 0-12.   |
| Community Awareness | Children are oriented to the world of school and concepts of God's plan for relationships within the family, holidays and celebrations, community helpers, and patriotism.   |
| Math                | Children work with these mathematical readiness concepts: counting to 100, recognizing numerals, associating each numeral with the correct number of objects, counting by families, shape recognition, sequencing patterns, calendar, clock, coins, measurement, classification, and association.  |
| Science             | Children explore seasonal changes of plants, animals, and the earth. They also experience activities related to the seasons and the farm. Short field trips and guest demonstrations enhance this dimension of the curriculum.   |
| Large Motor Skills  | The physical education program emphasizes basic coordination skills, such as throwing and catching a ball, running, skipping, marching, and jumping. Simple games and creative movement enhance development. Character qualities, such as patience in waiting for your turn and cooperation in working with others, are also emphasized. |

