

# PETSWORTH BAPTIST WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

## Curriculum for Four Year Olds

The objective of the curriculum for four year olds at *Petsworth Baptist Weekday Preschool* is to introduce young children to a positive Christian school environment and to prepare each child for a successful kindergarten experience. The curriculum will provide activities to encourage development in each child.

Throughout the year there will be an emphasis on developing listening skills, small and large motor skills, hand/eye coordination, communication, social skills and expanding vocabularies. In addition, there will be an ongoing emphasis on manners, individual responsibility, respect for God, country and others.

Developing an awareness of God and an appreciation for His gifts to us will be vital. Bible stories, Bible verses and Bible songs are taught daily to help emphasize an understanding of God on the level of understanding for preschool children.

### LANGUAGE ARTS

The pre k 4 language arts curriculum is an introduction to pre-writing skills. An alphabet letter is introduced each week, the upper and lower case, the letter sound and practice recognizing and printing each letter. The letter of the week is taught cross curriculum and used in math and other areas of learning during the school day.

#### A. Composition

1. Use symbols to represent letters in writing.
2. Recognize and use beginning sounds.
3. Make connections between letter and sound.

#### B. Reading

1. Say the sound when given a specific letter.
2. Match upper case with corresponding lower case letter.
3. Differentiate between upper and lower case.
4. Understand that you read and write from left to right and top to bottom.
5. Identify items in a row from left to right.
6. Identify visual differences in pictures.
7. Invent, draw and orally describe a picture through journal writing.
8. Understand sequencing.
9. Determine what happens next in a story and predict outcomes.
10. Distinguish between reality and make believe.
11. Speak in complete sentences.
12. Express thoughts orally.
13. Establish eye contact when speaking with teacher and classmates.

14. Recite poetry.
- C. Grammar
4. Use words to describe people, places and things.
  5. Use action words.
  6. Use pronouns I, me, him/her, he/she correctly.
  7. Ask how and why questions.
- D. Handwriting
1. Practice correct pencil grip.
  2. Print upper and lower case letters.
  3. Copy letters.
  4. Draw circles and Xs around and on answers.
  5. Trace and make lines from left to right and top to bottom.

Evaluation:

Students are evaluated through classroom observation, class work and formal evaluation.

## MATH

The pre k 4 math program is a study of numbers one through twenty. Basic math concepts are taught through many forms so the concepts are easily understood.

- A. Number Patterns.
1. Count numbers one through twenty.
  2. Recognize numbers one through twenty in sequence.
  3. Recognize numbers one through twenty in random order.
  4. Write numbers one through twenty.
  5. Demonstrate one to one correspondence.
  6. Differentiate between numbers and letters.
  7. Extend a repeated pattern.
  8. Identify a number and an equal group of objects.
- B. Geometry
1. Sort by size, shape and color.
  2. Learn shapes and their characteristics.
  3. Trace shapes and draw freehand.
  4. Use geometric shapes to make patterns and designs.
  5. Identify more, fewer and the same.
  6. Use position words.
- C. Measurement
1. Compare objects that are shorter and longer.
  2. Compare objects that are heavier and lighter.
  3. Compare objects that are taller and shorter.

Evaluation:

Students are evaluated through classroom observation, class work and formal evaluation.

## SCIENCE

In the pre k 4 science program the child is encouraged to expand his/her problem solving skills. The science program uses a “hands on” approach for learning and discovering.

### A. Life Science

1. Human Body
  - a. Discover the five senses and their functions.
  - b. Identify major body parts.
  - c. Identify nutritious foods and their importance for good health.
2. Plants
  - a. Learn the life cycle of a plant.
  - b. Observe the growth of a seed into a plant.
  - c. Discuss the parts of a flower: roots, stem, leaf and flower.
  - d. Learn the necessary elements for plant growth: soil, water and sunlight.
3. Animal Kingdom
  - a. Discuss living things and their various habitats.

### B. Earth Science

1. Weather
  - a. Determine the daily weather.
  - b. Record findings on a weather chart.
  - c. Determine how to dress appropriately.
  - d. Learn the four season and their characteristics.

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## SOCIAL STUDIES

The pre k 4 social studies curriculum educates the child to understand his/her importance in a family, school and community. Classroom rules and responsibilities help the child understand the steps necessary to become an important part of a unit. Community service projects teach personal responsibilities to help others.

### A. Historical People and Events

1. Learn and celebrate specific holidays.
  - a. Columbus Day
  - b. Thanksgiving
  - c. Christmas
  - d. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday
  - e. Ground Hog Day
  - f. Presidents’ Day (Washington and Lincoln birthdays)
  - g. Valentine’s Day

## B. Government

1. Learn how rules keep us safe.
2. Learn how to be a good citizen by taking responsibility in weekly classroom jobs.
3. Learn how to function as a classroom unit by sharing and taking turns.
4. Participate in a Unit Study of the United States.
  - a. Learn there are 50 states.
  - b. Learn we live in Virginia.
  - c. Learn the Virginia state bird, flower and insect.
  - d. Learn the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - e. Learn various patriotic songs.
  - f. Learn patriotism.
  - g. Discuss the meaning of the Virginia flag.
  - h. Discuss the meaning of the American flag.
  - i. Learn the national bird.
  - j. Learn the President of the United States.

## C. Community Service

1. Participate in “Chores for Animals” whereby the child does extra chores at home to earn money to be donated to the Gloucester, Mathews Humane Society.
2. Understand the money will be used to buy food and toys for animals that are waiting for a new family.

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## BIBLE

The pre k 4 Bible curriculum teaches the child about God’s Word and His love for His children. The children are taught who God is, how He loves us and ways we can show our love to God.

- A. Learn Bible stories and characters.
- B. Learn one new Scripture verse monthly for a total of nine verses.
- C. Learn various Bible songs and poems.
- D. Incorporate God’s principals and values in every area of the curriculum.