

# Welcome To KINDERGARTEN

at Calvary Christian Schools



My name is Sarah Van Tine and I have been teaching elementary school for twenty-seven years. Twenty-three of those years have been at Calvary Christian Schools. I love spending my days with children. It is so exciting to see them learn and change right before my eyes. I am so thankful for the opportunity I have to saturate everything I teach with the love of Christ. My primary goal for my students is to help them to begin to understand how much Jesus loves them and that he has a unique plan for each of them. I am a graduate of Cedarville University. I have been married to my husband Doug for thirty-six years and we have two adult children. I enjoy gardening, cooking, decorating, and spending time with my family.

My favorite thing about teaching Kindergarten is having the opportunity to give my students the tools they will need to be good readers. Our curriculum is a multi-sensory hands on approach where we spend our days exploring each letter. Before we know it, the children are putting their sounds together and forming words! We have a center based program in the morning where I love having parent volunteers in the classroom. We make crafts, do some cooking, and practice writing each letter. The children are busy and constantly engaged. In the afternoon we enjoy Spanish, Art, Music and PE. At the end of the year, our Kindergarteners know over 30 phonics concepts, forty sight words, and at least fifty consonant blends and digraphs.

We are also a play based Kindergarten. You will find the children having play time in our dramatic play centers, and moving through learning songs, write the room activities, and play based centers where they practice their new skills.

But most important, Kindergarten at Calvary is about beginnings. It is beginning the adventure of being a life time learner and beginning to understand that the Lord has a plan and a purpose for each of us.



# Kindergarten Curriculum Overview

BJU Press Curriculum is used in all subjects listed.

**K5 Bible: Exploring God's World** Give your early learners a solid start by laying a firm biblical foundation! *K5 Bible: Exploring God's Word* introduces early-learning students to the big story of God's Word and the part they play in it. The course will introduce students to important biblical characters and show the impact of their choices. Students will also incorporate biblical truths into their daily lives through role-playing, Scripture memory, and sacred songs. K5 Bible helps early learners discover truth about God and understand the world He created.



**Handwriting - Write Now** The handwriting packet includes letter-and-word model sheets for extra practice with PreCursive handwriting.

**Math K5** will help your kindergarten student develop an understanding of numbers and how they are used to represent addition, subtraction, measurement, and more. The program has a farm theme that makes learning fun and incorporates age-appropriate stories, colorful illustrations, and connections to real-world problems. Students will make friends with theme characters Farmer Brown, Mrs. Brown, and Cheddar as they count animals, add plants to the garden, and measure the length of a fence. The pages are intended to be teacher-guided and provide practice as well as application from the lesson. Chapter reviews and cumulative reviews are included as well as a section entitled "Math in the Home" that suggests ways that parents can make practical applications of math concepts.



**Phonics - Focus on Fives** starts children on a path for developing learning skills they will need for first grade. Students receive basic age-appropriate introductions to science, social studies, handwriting, phonics, and reading. Fun and exciting learning activities help young students build a foundation in phonemic awareness, reading strategies, listening, and speaking. Worldview shaping begins early with the four key themes addressed throughout the course: *God is great, and God is good; God created me and all things; the Bible is God's Word, and it is true; and I learn in order to serve God and others.*

**Phonics - Beginnings - Phonics Stories** gives each student his or her own copy of the stories for continued reading practice.



**Phonics - Focus on Fives - Phonics Practice** provides daily exercises in phonics skills and word families. Stories are included for additional reading practice.

**Phonics - Focus on Fives - Reading Books** are 34 books that focus on silent reading comprehension and oral reading. They include partner reading with a parent or teacher or an advanced reader. The Reading Books include a variety of genres, such as fiction, nonfiction, Bible stories, and poetry with a variety of art styles to match the

