Hello Prospective Emmanuel Families!

The Kindergarten program here at Emmanuel is for five and six year olds and is designed to engage your child in English, Math, and other subjects. Part of the Emmanuel Kindergarten core curriculum is teaching your children about God’s love for them through the scriptures. Our goal is to build your child’s academic foundation so that they are prepared for first grade and the years that follow. Here are just some of the awesome activities your child will also be involved in:

- Once a month, Kindergarten and TK classes visit the Sterling House. We get to sing songs with them and show them God’s love through crafts and hugs.
- Several times a year, Kindergarten leads chapel. Children are able to sing songs and even participate in the lesson.
- We go on two different educational field trips to various places around Ohio to help us grow in our understanding of science.
- Once a month, children will be able to participate in exciting activities in both Kindergarten and TK. We do these fun activities based on a set theme for the month. The children will rotate between the two classrooms to experience themed activities.
- Every year Kindergarten has a bug month. We talk about different bugs and how they are similar and different. Kindergarteners get to see a live praying mantis egg hatch and see the many baby praying mantises. Students also see the life cycle of butterflies through live caterpillars.
- Kindergarten has the following specials: gym, music, and art. Once a week, we go to the computer lab to understand and practice how to use a computer, a mouse, and a keyboard.
- Kindergarteners have a snack, a small nap/rest time, lunch and recess every day.
- Kindergarten participates in several music productions throughout the year.
- We always celebrate birthdays and half birthdays!
- Kindergarten celebrates the 100th day of school with a pajama day and a day full of fun activities.
- We have parties for all of our holidays and fun themed activities throughout the day to match each holiday!
- Students have the opportunity to participate in exciting school events like Right to Read Week and Grandparent’s Day.
● Students are able to learn the Bible through scripture memorization, Bible stories, and the fruits of the spirit.
● We talk about prayer and I have them practice saying a prayer by being my weekly prayer helper.
● Students will go in-depth with letters and sight words during Kindergarten. Each week we focus on 1-2 letters and 1-2 sight words. This helps students see this letter in multiple ways as they begin reading and writing.
● Students will learn how to read and write by sounding out each letter of the word.
● We work all year on our handwriting and how to write a complete sentence. Students will learn how to write sentences by themselves through their sight word activities and sounding out each word.
● Students are able to participate in a classroom book and get it published! They get to be their own authors and illustrators!
● We use level based books in our language arts curriculum. We have books for advanced students and books on Kindergarten level. We also have books for students who may need a little extra help with what we are talking about that week.
● Students will learn numbers (1-20), 2D and 3D shapes, addition, subtraction, and so much more in Math class! We use manipulatives and the smart board to help us learn!
● We use scholastic news in our classroom to learn more about science and social studies.

These are just some of the types of activities that we do in Kindergarten. On a more personal note, being an alumna, I understand the importance of Christian education. Not only was I in smaller classrooms with more opportunities, but I also had intentional one on one time with the teachers which helped me succeed academically. I valued the ability to discuss Jesus with my teachers and openly pray with them throughout the day. As a student, I was able to develop a firm foundation for my academic and spiritual understanding that allowed me to easily transition between each grade. As a teacher, I continue to see the value in Christian education. The ability to pray and talk about Jesus is an amazing opportunity for students to see and experience God in their lives. When considering Emmanuel, I would encourage you to think about what kind of environment would be good for your child. I would also ask you to think about what kind of education you want for them. My goal in Kindergarten is for them to be prepared and to succeed in 1st grade. But, even more than that, to prepare their hearts for God and His love.

Thank you for showing interest in Emmanuel! I would love to meet with you and talk more!

In His Service,
Miss Beekman