



# **WYLIE PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

## **Primary School Course Descriptions**

***2024-25***

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## Pre-Kindergarten

Students learn through all development areas including intellectual, language, physical, social, and emotional, within an appropriate early childhood environment. The integrated curriculum focuses on areas such as literacy, math, science, and social studies with Biblical integration throughout all subjects. In PreK, structure and routines are incorporated to help students develop school behaviors that support a positive learning environment. Students will work with others in small groups, problem-solve and build peer relationships.

## Pre-Kindergarten Extended Day

After lunch and recess with their classmates, PreK students participate in a rest time which includes a quiet time of lying down to listen to worship music. PreK students engage in learning centers which are designed to offer a variety of hands-on activities, games, and materials that target specific areas of development, including cognitive, social, emotional, and motor skills.

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## Kindergarten

Kindergarten students learn through instruction integrated around a weekly theme which encompasses reading, writing, and math with integrated units, all from a Biblical worldview. Reading is taught through a balanced approach of literature and phonics. Students read books on their individual level with the classroom teacher weekly through guided reading. Parents (co-teachers) conduct lessons each week in *Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons*. Classroom teachers introduce lesson concepts in class before co-teachers conduct lessons at home. In November students begin the online leveled reading program, RazKids. This program offers digital books at each child's individualized reading level, comprehension assessments online, and valuable feedback to the classroom teacher and the co-teacher. Each child will move through the levels at their own pace as directed by the classroom teacher. Foundational concepts of mathematics are learned through manipulatives and other hands-on activities. Students practice at home in workbooks and with fun learning games provided by the teacher. Science and social studies concepts are integrated into the weekly themes.

## Kindergarten Extended Day

Kindergarten students have lunch and recess after the morning classes. This time offers many opportunities to learn valuable social skills while enjoying outdoor play time. After recess, students participate in a brief rest time which includes a quiet time to listen to worship music or an audio book. Students engage in learning centers which are designed to offer a variety of hands-on activities, games, and materials that target specific areas of development. Students interact with their peers to encourage their social and emotional growth with guidance in problem-solving skills. Students participate in a teacher-led music class, art class, STEM activities, and guest reader story time throughout the semester.

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## First Grade

### **Language Arts 1**

Through an integrated approach to reading and writing instruction, students learn the fundamentals of decoding, comprehension, language, spelling, and written communication skills. Use of quality children's literature, filtered through a biblical worldview, is emphasized in addition to the core reading curriculum. Students have many opportunities to write for varied purposes throughout the year. Instruction and practice in print handwriting is continued at this level.

### **Math 1**

First grade students in this course become proficient with the foundational concepts of counting, addition, and subtraction. Throughout the year, they relate these basics to more challenging concepts such as time, fractions, temperature, money, graphs, sequence, geometric shapes, and units of measure. Math manipulatives and other hands-on activities are integrated into the class to enhance the students' understanding of number concepts.

### **Science 1/Social Studies 1 Block**

The first-grade science and social studies programs are taught on an alternating basis by units of study. In science, students learn foundational concepts in life and physical science, basics of earth science and the scientific method, emphasizing the Creator-creation relationship. Units of study include Plants, Animal Habitats, Matter, and Energy. STEM activities are integrated throughout the units. Social Studies focuses students on developing increased awareness of the world around them from a biblical perspective. Through these introductions, the students will gain an awareness of the importance of key historical people and places. Other units of study include Communities, Citizenship, US Government, Texas, and Geography.

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## Second Grade

### **Language Arts 2**

Students continue to build on reading comprehension and decoding skills learned in earlier grades to become more fluent and independent readers. Novels aligned with a biblical worldview are introduced in the second semester, and students learn to think critically as they read. The writing process is introduced, and by the year's end, students use the five-step process to produce several written compositions. Spelling rules and basic grammar concepts are established through direct instruction and applied through writing. Print handwriting is mastered at this level.

### **Math 2**

Students practice basic skills learned in first grade while learning new math concepts. The students receive continuous practice in place value, addition, and subtraction, with an emphasis on memorizing basic facts. Multiplication and division are introduced in the second semester. The following concepts are taught with increasing difficulty throughout the year: problem solving, fractions, money, temperature, time, geometric shapes, graphs, and units of measure. Math manipulatives and other hands-on activities are utilized to enhance students' understanding of number concepts.

### **Science 2/Social Studies 2 Block**

The second-grade science and social studies programs are taught on an alternating basis by units of study. In science, students learn foundational concepts of earth science, basics of health and the scientific method, emphasizing the Creator-creation relationship. Units of study include Weather, Space and the Solar System, Energy and Forces, Nutrition, and Health. STEM activities are incorporated throughout the units. In social studies, the second-grade program will continue the study of key historical people and places to the students from a biblical perspective. Students will review the world's continents and oceans. Other units of study include Economics, Democracy and Government, Map and Geography Skills, and the Birth, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.