

MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

BIBLE: Texts: God's gifts to me (Lifeway Curriculum)
God's wonders (C.S.I.)

JK and SK follow the same Bible units throughout the year. Expectations are geared to grade level. Eight or nine of the following units will be taught each school year:

God Gave Us a Beautiful World	Jesus on Earth
God Gives Us Families	Parables of Jesus
David and the Shepherd Psalm	Children of the Bible
The Patriarchs	Jesus Loves Me
From Egypt to Canaan	I am Special
A Special Family (birth and early years of Christ)	Jesus Dies and Lives Again!

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT: Texts: Writing Mini-Lessons for Kindergarten (Carson-Dellosa Publishing Company, Inc.)
Around the House with Mother Goose (Fearon Teacher Aids)
Winter Phonemic Awareness Songs & Rhymes (Creative Teaching Press)
Alphabet Action Songs by Denise Gagne (Themes and Variations)

- Begin to recognize alphabet letters – uppercase and lowercase
- Phonemes – some initial letter sounds
- Rhyme – identify and create
- Sequencing of events
- Predicting story outcomes
- Conventions of print
- Fiction and nonfiction
- Sight words – own first and last name, some colour words, words associated with specific themes
- Storytelling – child's narrative
- Engage in dialogic reading

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

These studies are drawn from the creation units and additional units listed below. Because of seasonal considerations, JK and SK usually work on the same units at the same time. Expectations are geared to grade level.

- Exploration and experimentation
- Identifying patterns and cycles in God's world
- Use of technology

MATHEMATICS: Text: Math Makes Sense Ontario Teacher Guide
(Pearson Addison Wesley)

- Sorting objects
- Graphing
- Counting principles – stable sequence, one-to-one correspondence, order irrelevance, abstraction principle, cardinality principle
- Begin to recognize and print numerals
- Awareness of addition and subtraction in concrete demonstrations
- Identify and sort 2-D shapes
- Spatial sense vocabulary – words describing position, shape and comparison
- Measurement – direct, by non-standard units
- Patterning – identify, extend
- Estimation
- Introduce number words to ten

The following units are the sources from which language, and math and science studies are drawn. They fall into three categories: Creation Studies, Special Days and Additional Units. Many of these units will be developed in a school year.

CREATION STUDIES:	SPECIAL DAYS:	ADDITIONAL UNITS:
Apples	Thanksgiving	The Farm
Autumn (God’s world at harvest time)	Remembrance Day	Community Helpers
Penguins	Christmas	Friends
Insects	Groundhog Day	Mittens
Winter (God’s world at rest)	Valentine’s Day	Nursery Rhymes
Bears	Easter	Transportation
Spring (God’s world renewed)	Mother’s Day	All About Me
Caring for God’s World	Father’s Day	
Animal Families		
Sand and Sea		

ARTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

- Creative activities with various media
- Singing, moving to music, rhythmic activities
- Dramatization
- Participation in physical activities that require the use of both large and small muscles
- Development of gross and fine motor control