

## **KINDERGARTEN**

Kindergarten is a fun and special time that homeschool families get to share closely with their student. Brighton Academy wants to offer our kindergarten students and parents the opportunity for social and emotional development while learning and having fun with our hands-on and group classroom activities. This means parents who do not want to follow Brighton's kindergarten curriculum and homework may still join our kindergarten class and do not need to purchase our recommended textbooks. This gives parents the freedom to choose their favorite kindergarten curriculum to use at home while their student gets classroom experience and the opportunity to be involved in the fun group activities that are just more fun with a group of kindergarten students! There is not a skill level necessary to join our social and emotional classroom experience for any of our subjects.

**For parents who want the full kindergarten experience, we recommend purchasing the Bob's Books readers, Bob's Books Kindergarten workbook, Horizon Kindergarten Math Books 1 and 2, and A Reason for Handwriting A.**

These books will be used primarily at home for homework every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Parents will be responsible for grading and homework accountability. Students will be graded on quizzes in class and classroom participation. Homework roughly consists of 6 workbook pages of Bob's Books, reading and spelling, 5 math lessons, and one lesson unit of handwriting each week along with some handwriting activities in their notebook and extra hands-on activities from the focused weekly lessons.

The way our classroom works is that we follow the content of these workbooks and do group and hands-on activities and games that relate to the weekly lessons, which is perfect for those following the curriculum but also makes it possible for the workbooks to be optional for those who want to do their own curriculum at home. Students will learn and catch on in class without the extra work at home. We make the most out of being together as a classroom group and learning while having fun.

### **Quick description of our classroom curriculum:**

Skill level needed for starting Bob's Books is basic letter and sound recognition. Alphabet sounds are reviews in the classroom and not taught. Students should be

able to begin putting letter sounds together but do not necessarily need to be reading yet.

Bob's Books class for kindergarten includes learning CVC words and progresses later to 4-5 letter words. We have 5 spelling words each week from our weekly Bob's Book readers and have a spelling test each Monday. Vowels are a major focus all year. Students will have copy work at home and will learn how to form simple sentences in class. Bob's Books makes learning to read fun and easy with their short stories that we focus on each week. Students will use letter tiles and whiteboards to practice writing and forming their spelling words and will play fun phonics and spelling games in class.

Horizon math lays a solid foundation for counting, number recognition, writing and reading numbers, skip counting, money, time, simple addition and subtraction using a number line, place value, odd/even, and understanding the calendar are a few of the major concepts we will learn. We count together in class while doing tons of fun math games and activities that follow along with the weekly homework from the textbook. There is no skill level needed to begin our math class.

A Reason For Handwriting A provides not only handwriting practice, but our weekly Bible verse which we test on each Monday. In our handwriting class we work on learning where our letters should be placed and the appropriate strokes by using the fun concept of naming our lines the sky, clouds, grass, and the dirt. This mental concept helps younger students remember where their letter should touch. We also touch on alphabet sounds while writing our letters as a review. Skill level needed is for students to be actively learning how to hold a pencil correctly.

Our unit study afternoon class focuses on a different study every week! We have a strong focus on the 7 continents, countries, and cultures. We study each continent spaced out through the year while filling in the other weeks with holiday themed activities, planets, weather, habitats, skeletal system and organs, germs, animal and plant life cycles, oceans, volcanoes, and much, much more! There are 36 different studies for the year! We read books, watch videos, make crafts, and conduct experiments in class. There is NO curriculum to buy or homework for this class. Skill level for this class is the ability to follow directions along with knowing how to use glue and scissors.

During our afternoon class is when we celebrate holidays, birthdays, and encourage show and tell that coordinate with our afternoon weekly themes. Our kindergarten class also offers 3 recess times, holiday parties, snack time, daily calendar and poem memorization for each month, and Bible time each morning. Kindergarten students get to stay together for lunch in our classroom and they never have to switch classes. Come join us!

**Instructors:** Jenny Johnson and Morgan Johnson

**Classroom Materials Fee:** \$100.00

**Required Materials:** Reference Kindergarten supply list. Students will need to bring a cold lunch from home.

**Kindergarten Book List: (Optional for Full Kindergarten Experience)**

Bob Books Emerging Readers Workbook-Kindergarten ISBN: 978-1-338-22678-2

Bob Books: Stage 2 Emerging Reader, Set 2 Advancing Readers ISBN: 978-0-439-84502-1

Bob Books Stage 2 Emerging Reader, Sight Words/Kindergarten ISBN: 978-0-545-01923-1

Bob Books Stage 2 Emerging Reader, Sight Words/First Grade ISBN: 978-0-545-01924-8

Explode the Code Book 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition ISBN-13: 9780838878019

Explode the Code Book 1 ½, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition ISBN-13: 9780838878095

A Reason for Handwriting Manuscript Level A ISBN: 0-936785-38-1

Horizon Math Kindergarten Book 1 and 2

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