

# A *Solid* START

MARS HILL BIBLE SCHOOL

## With both MHBS Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs, you'll find:

Bible-based, caring atmosphere | Developmentally appropriate programs | Certified Teachers | Before- and After-School Care | Spiritual leadership | Accredited by AdvancED (SACS) since 1971 | College and Career Readiness aligned curriculum | Accelerated Reading | Advanced technology initiatives | Small class sizes | Literacy and math centers | Educational field trips | Author/illustrator visits | Book buddy program | After school tutoring | Spanish, Art, Technology, Music, and Library Classes | Daily PE class

### TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

(Students must be four years old by September 1, 2019)

- Serves as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten.
- Reading Readiness involves: Letter of the week, nursery rhymes, songs, repetitive reading patterns, charts, read-alouds, poems.
- Reading is integrated throughout curriculum in each subject area. Each month, TK follows a specific theme around which the curriculum is centered. Literacy centers are also implemented weekly.
- Writing skills are taught through gross and fine motor activities using various hands-on activities and manipulatives. White boards, crayons, markers, and sensory bins are also used as part of the writing experience. TK students become young authors as they collaborate to write class books.
- Math instruction involves counting, graphing, number recognition, sorting, patterns, shapes, and measurement. Morning calendar, whole group lessons, and math centers enhance instruction.
- TK vertically aligns with our kindergarten program and prepares students for a successful kindergarten experience.

### KINDERGARTEN

(Students must be five years old by September 5, 2019)

- Learning expands on TK (or preschool) instruction.
- Reading Readiness involves: Quick alphabet review, intensive study of long and short vowel patterns, word families, digraphs, blends, and word study.
- Reading is integrated throughout the curriculum in each subject area. Literacy centers enhance learning and challenge students. Kindergarten students learn 62 sight words plus number and color words.
- Writing skills are taught through gross motor activities at the beginning but progress to fine motor skills. Manipulatives are used; however, pencil-to-paper writing will become the main source of instruction. Lined paper is introduced in the second semester. Journal writing, how-to writing, short stories, and informational writing are taught throughout the year.
- Math instruction builds from the TK curriculum: counting, base 10, number recognition, teen numbers, 2D and 3D shapes, composing and decomposing numbers, addition, subtraction, place value, classifying, graphing, geometry, and problem solving. Whole group, small group, and centers enhance math instruction.
- The kindergarten program equips students with a solid skill set that prepares them for a successful first grade experience.