

Northville Christian School

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Preschool Learning Charts

This Learning Chart is designed to explain the goals of our instructional program. It shows examples of the goals for students in each subject at your child's grade level. The chart does not list all of the skills children are taught or all of the concepts to which they are exposed. Instead, each section indicates some of the skills the majority of students possess after they have completed that grade level. The rate of progress will depend upon individual differences and teaching styles.

The skills and concepts are listed in separate subject areas on this chart. They are taught in conjunction with one another so that the student can recognize the relationships among the various subjects. Many skills are practiced and improved upon in more than one grade level.

Learning Charts for each grade level were compiled by the Northville Christian School faculty, in cooperation with the administration, to be used as a helpful guide for parents.

Bible

- Review designated scripture
- Present the Gospel using songs and stories with opportunities to respond
- Apply biblical principles in the following areas:
 - daily life
 - relationships
 - friendships
 - character development

Citizenship & Personal Development

- Participate in classroom activities: share, take turns, complete art projects, and listen while others talk
- Learn self-control
- Accept discipline
- Listen to and follow simple directions
- Learn to cooperate with others in work and play
- Learn to work and play independently
- Learn to clean up work and play materials
- Respect property of others
- Learn basic biblical concepts

Phonemic Awareness

- Identify rhymes words
- Produce rhymes words
- Clap syllables in words
- Match beginning sounds in words

Reading

- Be introduced to the letters of the alphabet; match lower case letters to capital letters
- Recognize some basic words including own name, friends' names, family titles, color and number words
- Develop listening and reading readiness skills from hearing stories aloud.

Language Arts

- Express self in individual and group conversation
- Follow oral directions
- Speak in complete sentences
- Tell a short story in sequence
- Spell and print first name
- Print in a left-to-right direction
- Learn how to print upper and lower case letters of the alphabet

Mathematics

- Count orally from 1 to 30
- Write the numbers 0-10
- Develop an understanding of more or less
- Recognize a pattern
- Determine size and location:
 - short/shorter
 - large/larger
 - small/smaller
 - top/bottom
- Recognize various shapes:
 - Sort by shape
 - Sort by color
 - circle
 - square
 - triangle
 - rectangle
- Be introduced to money:
 - penny
 - nickel
 - dime
 - quarter
 - dollar
- Participate in individualized activities:
 - comparing weights and measurements using nonstandard units

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Social Studies

- Develop a basic understanding of learning concepts in these area:
 - self-concept
 - home and family
 - community helpers
 - rules, and safety

Science

- Develop a basic understanding of learning concepts in the following areas:
 - seasons of the year
 - harvest
 - five senses
 - farm and zoo animals
 - planting gardens
- Observe and identify weather changes
- Participate in activities
 - magnets
 - sink and float
- Observe the metamorphosis of a caterpillar

Health

- Learn health and safety rules
- Participate in cooking experiences:
 - applesauce
 - popcorn
 - holiday cookies
 - butter

Physical Education

- Develop large motor skills
- Learn rules for appropriate games
- Develop group play
 - cooperation
 - team play
 - taking turns

Music

- Learn songs for enjoyment including musical game songs
- Develop an appreciation for various types of music
- Be introduced to rhythm in clapping sticks, triangles, cymbals
- Participation in Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mother's Day

Art

- Participate in the use of materials in a basic, simple way
- Be exposed to various forms of art expression using:
 - paint (finger paint, brush, roller paint, printing, sponges)
 - collages
 - watercolor
 - Playdoh®
 - chalk
 - crayon/pastels/markers
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Computer

- Learn how to use the mouse
- Learn how to play several computer games to introduce pre-reading, matching, phonics, and problem solving

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