# All Saints' Episcopal Day School

# **Kindergarten Program Overview**



### Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Day School

At All Saints', we provide a nurturing, faith-based education where academic growth, spiritual development, and character are equally valued. Rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition through the Anglican faith, our mission is to help each child reach their highest potential while fostering compassion, service, and a love for learning. From our youngest learners in 2K through 6th grade, we create a supportive and inclusive community where children grow in knowledge, faith, and friendship.

### **Curriculum Snapshot**

Kindergarten offers a balanced program of early literacy, math, science, and social studies, with hands-on learning and enrichment that prepare children for future success.

#### • Phonemic Awareness (Heggerty)

Daily lessons help children hear, recognize, and play with sounds in words, strengthening skills like rhyming, blending, and segmenting to build a solid foundation for reading and spelling.

### Math (Sadlier's Progress in Mathematics)

Engaging lessons use manipulatives to build number sense, explore shapes and patterns, and introduce measurement, time, and money through real-world examples.

#### Social Studies & Science (Let's Find Out)

A weekly nonfiction reader introduces seasonal topics in science and social studies through stories, photos, and activities that spark curiosity, build vocabulary, and connect learning.

#### Handwriting (Zaner-Bloser)

Developmentally appropriate lessons introduce manuscript writing with attention to posture, pencil grip, letter formation, and fine motor skills, building fluency and confidence.

#### Interactive Learning (Starfall)

A playful, research-based platform that combines phonics, reading, and math with songs, stories, and interactive games to promote exploration, confidence, and foundational skills.

# Life in Kindergarten

Kindergarten days are filled with structure, discovery, and joy. Each morning begins with **Morning Work** and a **Morning Meeting**, followed by **Chapel twice a week** and a **Friday Spirit Assembly**, all designed to start the day in a community setting.

Students engage in a balance of Reading and Writing Workshops, discovery during Science and Social Studies, and Math with hands-on centers that build foundational skills. Instruction is delivered through **whole-group, small-group, and individual work**, blending shared lessons, targeted support, and independent practice to meet each child's needs and encourage confident, independent learning.

Specials rotate throughout the week, including **Art, Spanish, Music, Library, STEM, PE,** and **Technology**, giving children opportunities to explore creativity, movement, and new interests.

Daily routines also include **Recess**, **Lunch**, **Rest**, and **Snack**, providing time to recharge and grow socially. The day concludes with a **Closing Circle**, where students reflect, connect, and prepare for the next day's learning.

A highlight of the year is the **Litany Program**, where students share a prayer of gratitude to God at the Thanksgiving chapel.

### **Special Traditions & Events**

Our youngest learners participate in school-wide traditions that create lasting memories:

- Visit Fire Station
- Halloween Parade
- Blessing of the Animals
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Polar Express Train
- Holiday Program
- 100th Day of School Celebration

- Grandparents' and Special Friends Day
- Florence Little Theater
- Valentines Day
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Trip to the Strawberry Fields
- Metric Olympics



Each grade level participates in a Community Service Project

## **Communication Pathways**

We value strong partnerships with families and keep you connected to your child's learning journey throughout the year:

- Classroom Updates: Friday folders are sent home weekly, containing a newsletter that highlights classroom activities and school events.
- School-Wide Communication: Look for our Saintly Scoop Wednesday email and the All Saints' Look Ahead Friday email.
- **Personal Meetings:** Teachers meet individually with families in the fall and spring to review progress and growth, as measured through daily observations and ongoing assessments.

# **Next Steps: How to Join Our All Saints' Community**

- Admissions: Applicants for 4K and above must undergo an admissions assessment.
- **Schedule a Visit:** We invite you to tour our campus and experience the All Saints' community firsthand. Call our Admissions Office at **843-662-8134** to schedule a visit.
- Learn More Online: Visit us at <u>aseds.com</u> for additional details and resources.

We look forward to welcoming your family into the All Saints' community, where learning, faith, and friendships grow together.