



Main Street Ministry

Chapel (1x week)	Each Wednesday, local pastors and community leaders share a Biblical message with our student body. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for our Wednesday chapels to share in worshipping God, learning about His Word and how to demonstrate biblical truth daily throughout life.
Biblical Teaching (Daily)	K-4 students memorize verses weekly, which correlate with in-class lessons and the alphabet. By the end of the academic year, they have learned approximately 35 Bible verses along with The Lord's Prayer. A superhero themed Bible study is used to teach students that good defeats evil over and over by faith, and how God can bring all things to a great conclusion. Children recite the Pledge of Allegiance, along with the pledges to the Christian flag and to the Bible daily in chapel.
Joy Time (Daily)	Each day at MSS begins with Joy Time with Ms. Jackie, where our student body comes together for praise, worship, and prayer, to start our school day off on a positive note. Throughout the year each grade level showcases their musical gifts and talents. Students also receive updates about ongoing community service projects, prayer requests, school updates, and birthday celebrations! The community can enjoy this online each morning live via Facebook.

Liberal Arts

Art	Each class is full of adventure - whether we are diving into shapes, learning about animals, or creating Space art, every day is an exciting time in Art Class! Students read correlating books, and always enjoy learning the Rainbow order, the "First Colors", shapes, opposites, patterns, lines, and shadows. Students focus on coloring skills, cutting, gluing, and continuing to enhance their fine motor skills.
Music (2x week)	Students learn to move, sing, and dance as we explore God's beauty of music and sound! Curriculum focuses heavily on finding the steady beat of the song. We also study basic rhythm notation, and explore pitch with our voices by learning to match and echo sounds and rhythms. We also begin to understand the concept of a scale by learning a solfege song. Students sing in a choir to learn the foundations of praise and worship, and explore their voice as a unique, God given instrument for his glory and their enjoyment. Finally, we experiment with percussive instruments to play and review our musical concepts!
Spanish (2x week)	Hola! In Spanish, students learn the second most spoken language in the USA. They are immersed in the Spanish language, its culture and its tradition through games, songs, movies, poetry, stories and many other activities reflecting Hispanic heritage around the world and its connection to their country.
Recess (Daily)	Students receive a minimum of thirty minutes of recess time each day. This includes use of the playground and access to PE equipment on nice days; or indoor play in the fellowship hall or classrooms on cooler or rainy days.

Traditional Academics

Language Arts & Writing (Daily)	The Get Set for School Readiness & Writing Program by Learning without Tears helps prepare our K-4 students for kindergarten. Students build on skills developmentally through play, activities, and hands-on materials. Students learn all the letters of the alphabet, and letter sounds, through chants and songs. Songs are also used to introduce and teach basic skills, such as letter recognition, phonics, days of the week, months of the year, and nursery rhymes. Manuscript handwriting is taught with the Learning without Tears Curriculum and the My First School Book Workbook. Students enjoy using manipulatives, including wood pieces, playdough letters, magic touch screen, chalk boards, and touch and flip cards to reinforce letter/number recognition, and are taught how to properly hold a pencil and form letters. They will use dry erase sheets to help learn to trace letters and numbers 1- 10 and learn how to write their name. They learn that all capitals start at the top and top, middle, bottom vocabulary using all the hand ons manipulatives of Learning without tears. These manipulatives correspond with Reading and Math number books bringing it all together as one.
Reading & Literature (Daily)	Books that correlate with classroom and curriculum themes are read daily. Each week a new Bible hero is featured during story time. Students learn the Title, author and illustrator, and to make predictions before a story is read, and learn to retell the story in their own words for comprehension skills. They also have the opportunity to participate in the Author's Chair, in which they bring in a story of their choice to show pictures and retell the story in their own words.
Math (Daily)	A fun, hands-on approach is used for K-4 mathematics, alongside the Learning without Tears Curriculum. By the end of the academic year, students are able to count to 25+ and recognize numbers from 1-10, distinguish before and after, Top, middle, bottom, diagonal/horizontal vocabulary, numbers with an individual workbook for each number 1-10 which includes counting, tracing numbers, fingerplays, nursery rhymes which correlates with the LWT reading program, and answer simple math problems verbally. Students explore opposites, colors, shapes, simple patterns and grouping by size, shape, color and counting groups, graphing with pictographs, geometry with flip, turn and slide exploration
Science (2 x week)	Instructional units in science include: apples; pumpkins, Fire Safety, community helpers, polar animals, Five Senses, God's wonderful weather, seasons; Space week- God's amazing universe, astronauts, planets, the Earth, keeping the Earth clean; Weather cycle, seeds and plants, and the Butterfly Life cycle.

Social Studies (Daily)	Social Studies teaches a focus on: our school, manners and thankfulness; community helpers; friendship; my country/world; Christmas and Easter.
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Special Considerations	
Lunch & Snack Time	Students are asked to bring their own lunch, snack, and drink daily. Students have the option to purchase ice cream each day.
Local Missions	MSS students have the opportunity to volunteer their time, resources, and/or creativity, through community connections. In prior years, students have collected pet supplies for the Tazewell County Animal Shelter; visited nursing homes and senior groups to lead praise and worship; and assisted with food and clothing drives for the local food pantry.
Field Trips	Educational field trips occur regularly throughout the school year, and align with the MSS curriculum. Learning does not always have to happen in a classroom setting, and we strive to create hands-on experiences that will last a lifetime: --Social Studies: Historic Crab Orchard Museum; Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze; Fire Truck/Police Car Experience; Clinch River Mountain Farms
Special Events	We love to make learning fun at MSS! A few special events in which K4 participates: --Celebrating Veterans Day, and the 100th Day of School, school-wide performances --Holiday Celebrations --Participating in Read Across America activities --Space Week --Latin America Week --Multicultural Fair --Author's Chair --All About Me - Career day
Communication	Parents may expect continual, open communication with MSS teachers and administration. The Bloomz App is used to share important updates directly to parents, through text messaging, and newsletters are sent home weekly.
After Care	Students who stay until 3:30 for the K-4 plus After-Care option will participate in After-Care activities, such as storytime, guided group games, free play, snack time, etc. Students may also participate in additional music/art classes during the year when scheduling accommodates.