



**MAIN STREET  
SCHOOL**

**Kindergarten (Revised 2/2024)  
Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-3:30PM & First Fridays**

**Main Street Ministry**

<b>Chapel</b> (1x week)	Each Wednesday local pastors and community leaders share an inspirational message from the Bible 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.
<b>Biblical Teaching</b> (Daily)	Kindergarteners learn the ABCs of the Bible, including a verse for each letter of the alphabet; participate in a morning Bible study; and memorize other verses. These verses are presented at the Spring Performance.
<b>Joy Time</b> (Daily)	Each day at MSS begins on a positive note with Joy Time with Ms. Jackie, where our student body comes together for praise, worship, and prayer. Throughout the year, each grade level showcases their musical gifts and talents. Students 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**

<b>Art</b> Teacher Directed	Lessons are provided on primary and secondary colors, as well as many opportunities to explore techniques and materials.
<b>Music</b> (2x week)	Students learn to move, sing, and dance as we explore God's wonder of music and sound! We review and learn to find and play the steady beat and basic rhythm notation. We further explore pitch with our voices and learn 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. We also experiment with percussive instruments to play and review our musical concepts .
<b>Physical Education</b> (2x week)	Traditional schoolyard games, such as basketball, flag football, kickball, and dodgeball, are common games for kindergarten. These games focus on teamwork and sportsmanship, gross motor skills, leadership, conflict resolution, losing with grace, and praising one another in a bully-free zone.
<b>Spanish</b> (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 and many other activities reflecting Hispanic heritage around the world and its connection to their country.
<b>Recess</b> (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 gym or classrooms, on cooler or rainy days.

**Traditional Academics**

<b>Language Arts &amp; Writing</b> (Daily)	The Abeka Curriculum is utilized to teach manuscript writing, including proper letter formation. Letter recognition, vowels, pronouns, and sight words, are also instructional topics for kindergarten.
<b>Reading &amp; Literature</b> (Daily)	The Abeka Curriculum is used for reading and literature, and teaches rhyming words, alphabet, blending, letters, and letter sounds. Students also learn the parts of a book, including the author and illustrator. Classroom favorite authors include Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, and Jan Brett.
<b>Math</b> (Daily)	A hands-on approach is used for kindergarten mathematics, as well as, foundational math, memorization basics, and speed drills, using the Abeka K5 Math Curriculum. Students also learn number recognition; how to write and count to 100; value and comparison; patterns and graphs; money and time; measurements; addition and subtraction; and simple word problems. Songs and jingles are frequently used to assist with memorization and to keep learning fun!
<b>Science</b> (2x week)	Instructional units in science include: the butterfly life cycle; parts of an apple; landforms; our families; weather and seasons; plants and seeds; animals; the solar system; maps; oceans and continents; health of our bodies; and farms. Students also participate in hands-on STEM projects, such as measuring snowflakes.
<b>Social Studies</b> (2x week)	A combination of History, Geography, and Civics, our Social Studies Discipline focuses on: the First Thanksgiving; our community, state, and country; and countries around the world. Students also learn about community volunteers, occupations, and fire safety. Historical figures of focus include: Christopher Columbus, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln.

## Special Considerations

<b>Lunch &amp; Snack Time</b>	Daily; students are asked to bring their own lunch, snack, and drink.
<b>Local Missions</b>	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.
<b>Global Missions</b>	MSS participates in multiple, on-going international mission projects, including: writing letters to send to children in Kenya; partnering with the Amani Children's Choir in Uganda, collecting coins for orphans in a Christian school in Africa.
<b>Field Trips</b>	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; --Math/Science: Corn Maze and Planting Opportunity; --Physical Education: Clinch River Farms;
<b>Special Events</b>	We love to make learning fun at MSS! A few special events in which Kindergarten participates, are: --Celebrating Veterans Day, and the 100th Day of School. --Attending our Multicultural Fair, going Christmas caroling, and participating in end of semester, school-wide performances. --Drawing pictures and making cards for soldiers and veterans, in observance of Veteran's Day.
<b>Standardized Testing</b>	The Iowa Assessments are evidence-based standardized testing, which measure student achievement and growth. They monitor growth of academic progress, indicate college and career readiness, and evaluate student mastery of rigorous learning standards. Subjects tested include: language arts, reading, math, science, and social studies. The Iowa Assessment does not measure a student's IQ or cognitive ability, rather what a student has learned throughout the school year, to ensure they are on par with State and National standards.
<b>Baseline Reading Assessment</b>	Baseline Reading Assessment is given to students during the year to track progress.
<b>Communication</b>	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.