

## Program Highlights

The kindergarten program supports our school's philosophy that *All students are blessed with unique gifts, talents, and abilities...* Our school day runs from 8:20 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. with a quiet time in kindergarten from 12:40-1:00. The core academic program includes phonics, reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. Literacy centers are incorporated throughout the week, which involve learning through hands-on activities, independent work, and group games. Bible lessons that include role-playing, crafts, and puppets are added to the curriculum to deepen the students' understanding of God and His word. Our students gain a well-rounded education through participation in specialty classes that include Computer Science, Music, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Spanish, and Meet the Masters Art Program. Students enjoy 20 minutes for morning recess during which they may have a snack, and 35 minutes for lunch recess. Kindergarten students share their recess periods with only first grade students; support staff members provide careful supervision. Three academic field trips are incorporated throughout the year to enrich student understanding.

Each Wednesday, all students in kindergarten through eighth grade attend chapel in the sanctuary where they sing praise songs and participate in the worship service. Chapel is led by our school pastor every other week and by one of the classes on the alternate weeks. Students wear their chapel uniform and have the opportunity to bring an offering to support our monthly philanthropy. Select students from each grade level are recognized for making good choices and for displaying outstanding Christian character. Parents are always welcome to attend our chapel services.

## The Kindergarten Faculty

### Mrs. Jennifer Stewart

Mrs. Stewart graduated from Chapman University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Elementary Education. She also has a California State Teaching Credential and is working toward a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction at Concordia University. Mrs. Stewart taught kindergarten for three years and first grade for two at Crystal Cathedral Academy before teaching third grade here at Red Hill in the 2005/2006 school year. Mrs. Stewart knows that each child was uniquely created by God and teaches to all modalities of learning. Her classroom is full of singing and hands-on learning activities; and parents are often busy helping with centers. Mrs. Stewart has been married for 17 years and has two children. Her daughter graduated from Red Hill Lutheran in 2008 and now attends Orange Lutheran High School. Her son is currently a student here at Red Hill.

### Mrs. Cindy Markle

Mrs. Markle has been a teacher at Red Hill for over 20 years! Before teaching kindergarten, Mrs. Markle taught pre-kindergarten and served as the Pre-school Director. She has three children and lives in Huntington Beach with her husband, a high school teacher at a public school. Mrs. Markle enjoys coming to school every day with her son, Jake, who attends Red Hill. Mrs. Markle and her family enjoy camping, gardening, and the outdoors. Mrs. Markle is known for her creative hands-on learning activities as well as her energetic and enthusiastic teaching style. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Concordia University, and is pursuing her Masters of Education and Multiple Subject Credential at Concordia University.

### Mrs. Traci Roebuck

Mrs. Roebuck has taught kindergarten since 1996, and pre-school for many years prior to that. She has been a kindergarten teacher at Red Hill since 2000. Mrs. Roebuck grew up in Glendale, California with her parents and three younger brothers. She graduated from Chapman University with a degree in Liberal Studies. She has been married for 12 years and has been blessed with a son named Conner and a daughter named Emily, who both attend Red Hill. Mrs. Roebuck enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and going to the movies. Mrs. Roebuck is known for her loving, patient, calm demeanor, and she is loved by all of her students.



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Our curriculum and instructional materials are current, motivating, challenging, and responsive to student needs. All materials and instructional goals meet the California Content Standards. We emphasize hands-on learning activities that appeal to multiple learning modalities and are integrated with technology to support student learning.

## Mathematics

Harcourt Math curriculum covers a broad variety of math skills such as sorting, classifying, patterning, matching and counting numbers 0-30, geometry, money, measurement, time, addition and subtraction. The curriculum is supplemented with addition and subtraction timed tests and teaching numbers to 100. The students are introduced to these fundamental concepts through manipulatives, computer games, and interactive learning via the Promethean board. Nightly math homework is given to reinforce what is learned in class.

## Language Arts

Open Court Reading and Foundations phonics curriculum are used to develop reading, spelling, and writing skills. Open Court Reading curriculum teaches students comprehension skills and strategies with thematic units. Foundations phonics curriculum takes students from letter recognition to blending sounds and reading words. The "6 + 1 Writing Traits" are introduced as the students learn to write a three to five sentence paragraph.

## Science

Science is taught throughout the year using Foss curriculum. The units are "Trees," "Wood and Paper," and "Animals Two by Two." The students develop a growing curiosity and interest in the physical world around them. They become "scientists" as they participate in many hands-on activities and experiments. The students illustrate and record their observations in their science journals.

## Social Studies

Students learn how the present is connected to the past with the Houghton Mifflin social studies curriculum. The four units of study are "Families and Friends," "A Big Wide World," "Long Ago and Today," "Our Country," and "It's a Great Place." Students explore a variety of topics such as, American leaders, holidays and customs.

## Bible

ACSI Bible curriculum deepens understanding of Bible stories and fundamental principles of Christianity. The curriculum follows the church calendar. The students review the school's weekly Bible verses and monthly Christian character qualities. Biblical truths are integrated throughout all subject areas.

## Classroom Management

Our teachers consider their teaching profession a ministry, and they serve as Christian role models; teaching Christian truths and values. Our teachers provide a warm, loving environment where students can be nurtured and are free to learn without fear of failure or embarrassment. Public humiliation is never an acceptable form of discipline. Through continued encouragement and positive reinforcement, students learn appropriate classroom and playground behavior.

