

Features of the Basic Trust Kindergarten that sets it apart from other programs:

“Christ Centered Phonics” equals Solid Phonetic instruction that builds fluent reading, decoding and spelling skills. Each letter of the alphabet focuses on a biblical principle that develops Christ like qualities for Christ like living. Reading books typically go out in January or as children exhibit the readiness to do so. This is an accelerated program that creates *successful early readers!*

“Saxon Math” One of the strongest Math programs on the market today. This program builds strong skills in all areas of math. It is a very hands-on program that children love and excel in. Our children develop 1st grade math skills by the end of “kindergarten.”

“Independent Learning Stations” Learning through “stations” allows the student to develop at a pace that is appropriate for them “as an individual. They can both repeat skills necessary for mastery or move ahead to acquire more advanced skills within each subject matter. These centers teach children to explore knowledge for themselves and to be self-sufficient students for greater learning in future grades!

“Earobics” This computerized program trains “listening skills” necessary for fluent reading and spelling. It develops hearing and comprehension skills necessary in all aspects of life. To be a good listener, you must be trained to “listen” and **Earobics** does this well.

Abeka Science and Social Studies teaches the children about the world around them from a biblical perspective. Our programs are non-denominational, and very Christ centered, focusing on a God that loves us so much that he created the world that surrounds us! These programs teach the love of God, love for mankind and love for creation!

Music & Drama: Our kindergarteners are coached through drama instruction and musical instruction to participate in two major musical performances each year.

Brain Gym: The kindergarten program uses brain based learning to develop the “body and brain” to work together fluently. The body must be equipped to learn and this movement based program allows the child to develop the skills necessary for “learning.”

Our Kindergarten children are **tested** before starting kindergarten in late August and again in May. This standardized testing helps us structure the program for the current group’s instruction, instead of offering a cookie cutter program. Progress reports or report cards are sent out 3 times per year as well.

Speech and Language services; we screen every child for speech, language and hearing and provide services as needed to develop these areas. Basic Trust has a speech therapist On-site twice a week. Equally important to your child's success in school, every child is required to have a very thorough vision screening prior to Kindergarten.

Basic Trust boasts its ability to **coordinate services** with local providers to meet the needs of every child.

Our **outdoor program** is unmatched in the Northern Ky. Area. With some 18 acres of wooded play space, we can hike, run, sled, *pretend* and slip-n-slide to our hearts delight! Some of our play areas include a "water slide", Fort Apache, Pirate Ship, Swing Area, Water and Sand Castle with a moat, child sized basketball court and a brand new ball field!

Field Trips are a part of our program and relate to the theme being studied at the time. AT Christmas we will visit the *Nativity* and at Easter we will visit the *Garden Tomb* site which is an exact replica of the one in the Holy Lands.

At the end of the year, our kindergarten children perform a **graduation program** that touches everyone's heart. Dressed in *Red, White and Blue* cap and gown; the children sing songs and present recitations that will amaze and delight the whole family!

Convenience & Choice: Half Day or All day kindergarten is available for the convenience of all parents. Additionally, there are "two" programs to meet the needs of each individual child. The **K4 program** is for those students who may have finished a 4 yr. old pre-school program but are not eligible for traditional kindergarten due to age. Parents may also be waiting on more maturity before sending their child on to more formal schooling. This program offers children an extra year of training and maturity. It especially serves the advanced 4 year, challenging their skills while promoting social and emotional maturity.

K5 is a traditional Kindergarten program for those students who are five as of Oct. 1. It is an advanced program as you can see from the above curriculum and teachings. Both programs are rich in content and provide both individualized and small group instruction. We are a *family* here at Basic Trust seeking to provide services that are convenient, affordable and meet the needs of *each* child. The right Kindergarten programs for the right price give our children and families an opportunity to make this their home away from home while preparing for 1st grade and beyond!

Christ Centered Phonics

Solid Phonetic Instruction
Based on biblical principals

Saxon Math

Consistent, precise Math Skills
Based on Hands-On Approach

Learning Stations

Allows for individual progress
Teaching students to be self-sufficient learners

Earobics

Listening is a *learned skill*
Earobics teaches solid listening skills

Abeka Science and Social Studies

Exciting *world* studies creating a love for Gods people.
Hands-on Nature and Science that develops compassion for all created things.

Music and Drama:

Developing creativity through music and performance.
Creating confidence in each child!

Brain Gym

Movement that connects the *brain and body* for greater learning

Outdoor Program

18 acres of play space
Imaginative play areas for creative play

Speech and Language Services

Screening and testing for developmental readiness
Speech Therapist on site

Academic Testing

Pre-Kindergarten and Post Kindergarten Testing