

## **What Makes Horizons Effective?**

Engaging lessons and a variety of activities make learning fun, and complete teacher materials make it easy to ensure your student's progress. Since teacher/student interaction is an integral part of this program, both the teacher and student materials are necessary for a comprehensive exposure to concepts. Not every child learns as easily with one given method of presentation. Therefore, Horizons incorporates a balance of the best methods of instruction.

### **Higher Reasoning Abilities**

Analytical reasoning skills are used in making daily decisions. Beginning with the introduction of each concept, Horizons teaches these thinking skills to help students gain a complete understanding of the concept. Students begin to reason from the principles taught in Horizons lessons and apply them to real-life situations.

### **Hands-on Learning (Manipulatives)**

Some students can better visualize the application of principles by physically demonstrating them. Hands-on learning or tactile memory is included in Horizons through the use of manipulatives. Teacher's guides contain daily lists of activities and inexpensive materials that can be used for hands-on learning.

### **Memorization and Drill**

Horizons Math stresses memorization of basic math facts and computational skills. Students progress rapidly when they can instantly recall basic math facts. A built-in repetition/review cycle makes the process simple to follow. Drill is used to reinforce the concepts being introduced.

### **Language Skills**

Horizons language curricula contain concepts that encourage and enrich basic language proficiency. The colorful and comprehensive lessons in the Phonics and Reading, Spelling and Vocabulary, and Penmanship programs make learning communication basics fun. Vocabulary is broadened while learning spelling skills. Practicing spelling, printing, and cursive writing help younger children learn written communication. The Phonics and Reading program builds essential skills needed in the early elementary years

## **Horizons Preschool Grades PreK 4 & PreK 5**

Based upon the perfect source of the Bible, Horizons Preschool allows you and your students to study the world around you from the viewpoint of the Creator. Lessons begin with a Bible concept and flow into an organized selection of learning activities and academic subjects. Students gain the important knowledge that God is the beginning of all things, and they get a perspective of the world that cannot be gained in any other way.

### **What makes Horizons Preschool so effective?**

- Enhances development through multi-sensory activities
- Develops a foundation in phonics and mathematics
- Theme of activities planned in a sequential manner
- Promotes character qualities, citizenship, and community awareness
- Adapts to a variety of daily schedules and program objectives with a flexible organizational structure
- Reinforces concepts with games, songs, poems, and drama
- Preparation for kindergarten in a Christian environment
- Aligns closely to state objective requirement

### **Lessons 1-60**

- Days 1-4 of Creation: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, light, dark, air, clouds, rocks, soil, grass, seeds, trees, fruits, vegetables, sun, eather, day, night, hour
- Finger and action activities, spatial concepts, lists, sort, rhyme, describe, label, classify, solve puzzles
- Letter recognition Aa-Ss, vocabulary, numerals 0-10, oral counting 0-10
- Recognize red, green, blue, black, white, yellow, purple, orange, and gray
- Identify triangle, circle, square, rectangle, and star
- Recognize first name and trace letters of first name
- Color, glue, stamp, draw, shape, fold, trace, cut, paint
- Self space, general space, ball activities, ribbon sticks, rhythm, run, skip, jump, crawl, hopscotch, stretch, exercise

### **Lessons 61-120**

- Days 4-6 of Creation: seasons, Earth's rotation and tilt, moon, stars, constellations, astronomy, planets, comets, meteors, fish, climate, ocean creatures, amphibians, eggs, birds, mammals
- Action rhymes, stories, verbalize concepts, answer questions, rhyme, naming, comparing, grouping
- Letter recognition Ss-Zz, letter sounds Aa-Ii, blend letter sounds Aa-Hh, write first name, alphabetical order, vocabulary development
- Oral counting 0-20, numerals 10-12, telling time to the hour, addition  $1 + 1$ ,  $2 + 1$ ,  $3 + 1$ , and  $4 + 1$ , identify diamond, pictographs
- Identify star, heart, and oval, review colors, role play, imitate, describe, finger play, classify
- Cut, shape, glue, label, draw, interpret, cut, assemble, trace

## Lessons 121-180

- Days 6-7 of Creation: blood, circulation, brain, body parts, occupations, health, safety, music, work, rules, helpers, friends, family, reptiles, insects, man, cells, senses, bones, digestion, breathing, muscles
- Noah's flood: obedience, flood, promises
- Size relationships, comparison, guessing, role play, describe, chart
- Letter sounds Jj-Zz, blend letter sounds Aa-Zz, alphabetize
- Write home address and phone number, type one's name
- Addition  $5 + 1$ , subtraction  $2 - 1$ ,  $3 - 1$ ,  $4 - 1$ ,  $5 - 1$ ,  $6 - 1$
- Mold, string, shape, paint, draw, stamp, cut, glue, trace, decorate