Course Description Kindergarten Guidance

Philosophy Statement: The Des Moines Christian School K-12 guidance and counseling program facilitates spiritual, personal/social, educational, and career development in order to maximize a student's ability to understand self and relate to others in their lifetime service to Jesus Christ. We strive to assist parents and staff in equipping all students to learn skills and competencies that affect their current and future functioning and well-being. Designed to meet the needs of all students, the program provides preventative, remedial, and developmental instruction and resources.

Course Description: Guidance class helps students examine their lives and make lasting changes to achieve the maximum benefit from their talents and abilities. Students will be able to develop a realistic and Biblical concept of self, emotions, personal responsibility, communication, social skills, and personal safety skills.

Textbooks: None

Materials:

- Teacher provided and created.
- Storybooks
- Happy Bear visits (personal safety)
- Communication with families

Time Allotment: Fifteen 30 minute lessons

Course Content:

- Understand God's design for touch.
- Understand that showing consideration is important to being a part of a group.
- Understand positive ways to meet their God-given need for attention.
- Understand the importance of cooperation when working in a group.
- Understand ways to get along with others.
- Understand positive ways to communicate.

Areas to be evaluated:

- Teacher Observation
- Class Participation

Additional activities:

• Small and individual groups are available for extended lessons