

Goals

The goals we have at Williamsburg Christian Academy for your child's Kindergarten experience are simple. First, to partner with you as you raise them with a growing knowledge of God and his love. Second, to know that they can be successful and third, to foster a love of learning that extends throughout their school career. These goals are really no different than the goals God has for us as adult Christians. He wants us to know that we "Can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." (Phil. 4:13).

Curriculum

Our kindergarten classrooms consist of a maximum 15 students with a licensed Christian teacher and an assistant per two classrooms. Kindergarten classrooms are self-contained with a bathroom and kitchenette-type facilities so students do not have to leave the room except as a group when they go to special classes or outside playtime. We welcome and encourage parent volunteers in the classroom and at special events with the goal to make the everyday learning experience as enjoyable and productive as possible.

Our kindergarten teachers use a strong Christian curriculum that teaches and reinforces Christian values in each aspect of the educational process. While all the basic subjects are taught, including Science, Social Studies, Art, and Music, our primary subjects of focus are Bible, Reading, Handwriting, and Math. Students who master these areas will experience a far more successful and productive educational career.

Bible is the groundwork of everything we do and is integrated throughout the day in each subject. It is also the basis for learning how to treat others. The weekly memory verses are a part of the curriculum that encourages knowledge of the written word of God and how those words apply to our lives.

The Saxon Math K curriculum will produce Kindergarteners who will:

- Count forward and backward by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's
- Identify, match, and divide sets
- Identify a missing number in a sentence and a missing shape in a matrix
- Select and identify coins given an amount
- Identify sort and compare geometric shapes and solids
- Identify lines of symmetry and create symmetrical designs
- Compare, order, and measure using standard and nonstandard units

Phonics is the basis for creating great readers. This is done through phonics-based instruction that helps to unlock the complexities of reading. Students are taught in small reading groups of 3 to 6, offering more individualized attention. Handwriting is taught by the D'Nealian method.

Kindergarten students have library, computer, art, and music classes once a week. During library, students learn various sections of the library; as well as enjoying time with the librarian as she reads to them helping to pique their interest in books and reading.

Computer class is where they learn basic computer skills and often play various educational games to reinforce previous learning. Art and music are part of our Fine Arts department in which children, through their imaginations, enjoy painting, drawing, crafts, sound, and movement. Physical education class is held twice weekly in the gymnasium.

Discipline Goals

It is important to establish limits of behavior for the sake of safety and emotional security of all the children and train the children to be appropriately mature and Christ like for their age.

Strategy:

- ❖ Classroom rules are clear and simple. The consequences used for positive and negative response will also be made clear.
- ❖ The child will receive a warning when he is breaking the rules and a reminder of the consequences. Modeling and reinforcement of correct behavior will occur frequently.
- ❖ When a child does not cooperate, then a negative consequence will occur, such as loss of reward, seating change, loss of normal privilege, or time out from the group.
- ❖ If several incidents occur in a day the parents will be informed in order to take appropriate corrective action.
- ❖ When you as a parent are working on a particular behavior your child is displaying that should also receive attention at school, please inform the teacher so that she can help to reinforce the pattern of discipline you have established.
- ❖ When a child is emotionally upset, he/she will be escorted to a more private setting, comforted, prayed with, and encouraged. He/she will return to the group when emotions are under control.

Readiness for Kindergarten

Many factors go into whether a particular child is ready for Kindergarten. Each school develops its own set of standards for admission. At Williamsburg Christian Academy we adhere to the following standards:

- ❖ Child must be 5 years old by September 30th
- ❖ All students seeking admission to Kindergarten must submit to an entrance test.
- ❖ The Child should be normally comfortable in his/her separation from the parent at the beginning of the school day.

For additional information or questions about our Kindergarten program, please contact the Admissions Office.