



WELCOME

We are looking forward to having your child in Kindergarten and hope the beginning of his/her formal education experience will be both enjoyable and rewarding! Kindergarten experiences planned for your child will provide opportunities for development in areas of his/her spiritual, social, physical, emotional and academic well being.

Thank you for entrusting your child to us for this year. We consider it a privilege to serve you!

PHILOSOPHY

The first year of school is the foundation for the future building blocks of education. We desire to make LEARNING FUN by creating an exciting, vibrant, positive loving, structured setting for learning and character training to occur.

We believe that the education of the child must be home, school and church centered. Since Faith Christian Academy is a Christian school, our curriculum and teaching is centered on a Christ-Honoring, Biblical perspective.

Children who are ready to learn will THRIVE, not survive Kindergarten. A child's READINESS to LEARN encompasses the development of the "whole" child. To thrive in Kindergarten, children need to have experiences that strengthen their confidence in being able to learn.

What will my child learn?

Bible, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic...

Bible

- ❖ Learn the Bible is the Word of God/Bible memory/catechisms
- ❖ How to live by Biblical principles, even as little ones

Reading

- ❖ Phonetically based
- ❖ Letter recognition, Letter sounds
- ❖ Sight words
- ❖ Beginning to read

Pre-Cursive Handwriting

- ❖ Slanted letters ease learning cursive writing
- ❖ Good habits of writing, pencil-hold, posture and paper position

Math

- ❖ Number recognition, time, money, addition, subtraction, simple fractions

Specials

- ❖ Science
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Library
- ❖ Story Time

Daily Experiences

- ❖ Enjoy the learning process
- ❖ Work and play happily with others
- ❖ Become independent
- ❖ Share with others
- ❖ Listen to stories
- ❖ Follow directions
- ❖ Respect others and their property
- ❖ Improve memory and attention span
- ❖ Many more important academic skills

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Good health is very important in the growth and development of each student. FCA has a nurse on staff to coordinate state health requirements and to assist students as needed.

All students must have the following immunizations prior to being admitted to school:

- ❖ 4 Doses DPT (the following 4th dose must be on or after the 4th birthday)
- ❖ 3 Doses Oral Polio

- ❖ 2 Doses MMR
- ❖ 3 Doses Hepatitis B
- ❖ 2 Doses Varicella Vaccine (or statement of having had the disease)
Include your child's immunization record with your registration

A Dental and Physical exam is required and a form filled out by the Doctor. Exams must be done after January 1, 2014. Extra health forms are available in the School Office.

We ask that each student have a Medical Survey completed each school year. This keeps us informed of health changes in your child as well as giving us permission to administer medication. These forms can also be found in the School Office.

Emergency care at school

Should your child become ill or injured at school, the school nurse, the principal, or a teacher will give first aid. Please submit a copy of your insurance card for emergency purposes. You will be notified by telephone if the injury warrants your immediate attention. No medication will be administered while the nurse is absent.

Please be sure the school has an emergency telephone number where a parent, family member or neighbor can be reached.

Please leave your child home when...

- ❖ They have a nasty cold
- ❖ Has runny eyes
- ❖ Has had a fever of 100° or higher within the last 24 hours
- ❖ Has been vomiting within the last 24 hours
- ❖ Is not able to participate in normal activities
- ❖ Has a suspected communicable disease such as chicken pox, head lice, pink eye, etc...

...Please use good judgment when deciding...

Health Requirements for Kindergarten Students

Checklist

- Physical Exam (Should be completed after January 1, 2014)
- Dental Exam (Should be completed after January 1, 2014)
- Proof of Birth date (Birth Certificate) must be 5 years old by September 1, 2014.
 - Copy of current health insurance card
 - Completed Medical Survey

The following immunization records must be submitted before registration will be considered complete:

- Four doses of DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus)
Please note that the fourth dose must be administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.
 - Three doses of Oral Polio (OPV)
 - Three doses of Hepatitis B
- Two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- Two doses of Varicella Vaccine or written statement saying your child has had chicken pox



KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

I. BIBLE CLASS

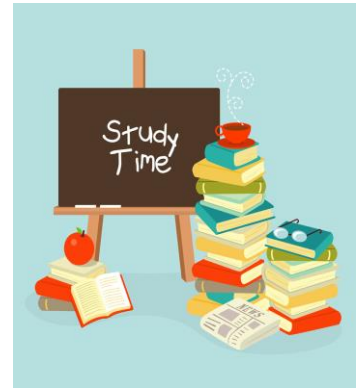
- A. 25 Bible Verses
 - 1. Bible Memory
 - 2. Catechisms
 - 3. Weekly Bible Stories
 - 4. Books of the Bible
 - 5. Bible Workbook



- B. Catechism
 - ❖ They will be able to answer questions on prayer, heaven, creation, trinity and concepts of God.
- C. Workbook
 - ❖ Reinforcement of the stories they have learned

II. PHONICS

- A. First Part of Year
 - 1. Recognition of alphabet & Letter sounds
 - 2. Sequencing stories
 - 3. Tracking
 - 4. Listening skills/visual discrimination
 - 5. Sight words
 - 6. Writing letters and numbers
 - 7. Sequencing alphabet letters
 - 8. Matching lower case to upper case letters
 - 9. Introduce & sound out word families



- B. Second Part of Year
 - 1. Making sentences using sight words
 - 2. Reading Groups, Reading word families, (*Up the ladder readers*)
 - 3. Long vowel words
 - 4. Writing sentences
 - 5. Spelling words
 - 6. Composing own sentences

III. LANGUAGE ARTS

- A. Through listening, sharing, reading and writing activities, and various skill applications, the children will develop an awareness and understanding of the English language. Units of study include:
 - 1. I'm special
 - 2. Time
 - 3. Real and make believe
 - 4. Home and communities
 - 5. Transportation
 - 6. Communication
 - 7. Activities at home and school
 - 8. Weather/Months/Seasons

9. Alphabet/Number words

B. Vocabulary and various skills included are:

1. Directional and positional terms
2. Colors
3. Shapes
4. Same or Different
5. Setting
6. Characters
7. Places in a Story
8. Before and After
9. Emotions
10. Rhyming Words
11. Opposites



IV. MATH TIME:

1. Number recognition and counting
2. Geometric shapes
3. Money
4. Telling Time
5. Simple Addition & Subtraction
6. Simple Fractions
7. Positioning
8. Others, Ordinal numbers, Sequencing, Matching sets

V. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

1. Music Time: We go to the music room and learn about different instruments. We also sing fun songs.
2. Art Time: This is very important in kindergarten. We learn how to be creative and independent.
3. Story Time: This is a special time where imagination runs wild. We value the importance of books.
4. Science lessons cover: Health habits, community workers, weather, seasons, animals and plants.
5. Library Time: Children check out a book weekly