

PREKINDERGARTEN OVERVIEW

Objectives and Goals

CLASSROOM STRUCTURE

Self contained. Basic skill areas.

TEACHER/STUDENT RATIO

20:2/Includes an Educational Assistant

SCHOOL DAY

Half Day AM 8:35 - 11:35

Half Day PM 12:35 -3:35

Recess - 10 minutes

Full day 8:45-3:30

Recess – 20 minutes



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Bible: Weekly Bible lessons take children through the entire “Children’s Discovery Bible”, introducing Old and New Testament stories and characters, with in-depth focus on Jesus and Christian Holidays. In addition, children are taught weekly Bible verses to correspond with each week’s lessons.

Chapel: Students are active participants in chapel each week, singing and praising God. They also enjoy learning more about Him and His Word from NCC/NCA staff or guest speakers. A different character quality (patience, kindness, honesty, diligence, etc.) is taught each week.

ACADEMIC LIFE

Reading: Emphasis is on learning the letters of the alphabet and their sounds.

Writing: Using age-appropriate, tactile and kinesthetic methods, students are introduced to the mechanics of writing, and proper uppercase letter and number formation.

Language Arts: Emphasis is on providing rich literary experiences for the children in the form of Bible stories, poetry, age-appropriate non-fiction, and children’s fiction to expand the student’s vocabulary and support early reading skills.

Math: Emphasis is on learning concrete mathematical concepts - patterns, sorting, comparing sets, non-standard measurements, predictions, and calendar mechanics. Students count to 100 with one-to-one correspondence, and by fives.

Social Studies: Emphasis is on experiencing holidays with a Christian perspective.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, Resurrection Day, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day all provide rich opportunities to examine and share our Christian traditions. In February we celebrate “Missions Month” with a study of the cultures, languages and celebrations of “God’s Children Around the World”.

Science: Emphasis is on experiencing science in an exciting hands-on format. Students participate in planting and harvesting, discover their five senses, notice seasonal changes and observe the life cycles of frogs and butterflies.

Art: Art experiences and age-appropriate crafts are incorporated into every subject. Emphasis is on the “process” rather than the outcome, creating an environment where exploratory learning is key.

Library: The Everett Library Bookmobile comes to the classrooms once a month offering an opportunity for children to check out books for use in the classroom.

ACTIVITIES

Field Trips: Two each year. Our trip to the Pumpkin Patch in October is a favorite! Spring field trips vary depending upon student interest and opportunities available in the community.

Concerts: Our Christmas program is a highlight of the year! Pre-K children dress in various costumes to represent the nativity and perform a combination of traditional and contemporary Christmas music before a large audience of family and friends in the main auditorium.

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CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Children love our field trips! In addition, we love to reward excellent behavior and cooperation with a variety of small incentive parties; these include a pajama day, popcorn and movie day, pizza party, ice cream party, etc. In the fall, Noah's Ark Day gives children the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favorite animal. In the spring, our students love having their picture taken while they ride a pony at school. Our year culminates in a Crowning Ceremony where each child is awarded a crown bearing the name of a spiritual gift that God has made evident in his/her life.

OTHER EVENTS STUDENTS ENJOY AT OUR SCHOOL

Father/Daughter Night
Muffins with Mom
Donuts with Dad
Grandparents Day

TEXTBOOKS

Bible: *The Children's Discovery Bible*

Reading/Language Arts: *Alpha Tales* and *Moncure Letter Books*

Math: *Every Day in Pre-kindergarten Math*, *Math Their Way*

Science: *Even the Sound Waves Obey Him* and *Exploring God's World Through Simple Science*

Art: Educator-developed materials

Handwriting: *Handwriting Without Tears – Pre-K "Get Set for School"*

PREKINDERGARTEN READINESS

Children should be able to:

- Separate easily from parents
- Listen to and follow at least two simple directions at one time
- Speak clearly enough to be understood by the teacher
- Notice and talk about changes in his/her environment
- Enjoy listening quietly to stories and can comprehend age-appropriate materials
- Use the toilet independently and fasten articles of clothing with minimal assistance
- Have a cooperative attitude
- Be engaged in a single activity for at least 5 minutes at a time
- Obey clearly defined rules and respond well to re-direction and/or positive discipline when necessary
- Use words or ask for help to resolve conflict with peers
- Be interested in and excited about starting school

OBJECTIVE

Provide exceptional early learning experiences so that children develop a love of learning and are well prepared for a successful Kindergarten year.

