



METROLINA

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

EARLY EDUCATION CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

2018-2019

INFANT AND WADDLER PROGRAM

In our Infant and Waddler Program, our teachers provide a warm and safe environment focused on sharing God's love with each child and their family. Our infant teachers understand how essential routines are to the growth and development of the children. They make a point to respond to the children's needs immediately, as well as taking time to distinguish the individual needs of each child. In order to meet individual needs, the teachers create weekly plans for each child. These plans include special activities that are designed to provide each child with opportunities to explore and discover their indoor and outdoor environments, while focusing on developmental milestones. Children are lovingly supported as they engage in learning through play to develop spiritual, cognitive, physical, social/emotional, and language skills. The purpose of our program is to provide Christ-like love, promote a Biblical worldview, pursue excellence in education, and partner with our families.

Infant Classrooms

The infant room is for children that are between six weeks and six months. In the first months of a child's life, they change and grow so much. This is an exciting time and we would like to provide some important information about this program. The schedule in the infant program is very flexible in order to meet the needs of every child. The teachers also make sure to communicate with the children while they are performing routines, in order to develop a secure and loving relationship with each child. One of the most important focuses of our routines is trying to be consistent with the routines at home. Our teachers do this by communicating with parents and working with them to come up with a schedule that is the most consistent for the child. The infant teachers will be collaborating with you in order to ease these transitions and to provide your child with a secure, loving, and developmentally appropriate environment.

Waddler Classrooms

The waddler classroom is for children that are six months to thirteen months. Between six and thirteen months, children will develop and begin to do so many new things. The schedule in the waddler classroom is a little more structured than the infant classroom, but it is also flexible in order to fit each child's needs. The major schedule difference in the waddler program is that teachers try to get the children used to the schedule of the toddler program (i.e. eating at the specified meal/snack times and taking one nap a day). The teachers will only start working this into the schedule when the child is ready, which is usually as they get closer to one year old. These routines really help the children get ready for the toddler program, as well as preparing them for their next developmental stages. The waddler teachers will be partnering with you in order to ease these transitions and to provide your child with a secure, loving, and developmentally appropriate environment.

TODDLER PROGRAM

In our Toddler Program, our teachers provide a warm and safe environment focused on sharing God's love with each child and their family. Children are lovingly supported as they engage in learning through play to develop spiritual, cognitive, physical, social/emotional, and language skills. Children will be encouraged to develop autonomy by allowing for achievable accomplishments. The purpose of our Toddler Program is to provide Christ-like love, promote a Biblical worldview, pursue excellence in education, and partner with our families.

Bible

God's Word is the foundation for all truth and teaches us how to live (II Timothy 3:16). The Bible program utilizes *The Beginner's Bible*, literature, and music to introduce the children to the chronological events of the Old and New Testaments. Daily prayer and weekly chapel complement the Bible program.

Language Arts

The language arts program is focused on expanding vocabulary while exposing the children to a wide selection of literature throughout the day. The component of story telling is used to build their ability to listen and to develop comprehension skills. Children are exposed to comprehensive, stimulating, age-appropriate material and activities, as well as a variety of literature.

Math

This hands-on, activity rich program incorporates manipulatives, movement, literature, and music. Children will be exposed to age-appropriate math concepts in areas such as center play, outdoor learning, and art. Some areas of exploration include colors and shapes.

Science

Through the processes of observation and inquiry, children will explore the many wonders of God's creation. Hands-on opportunities provide an interactive and engaging form of learning so students will begin to develop a scientific "passion."

Special Enrichment Classes

Music

TWO YEAR OLD PROGRAM

In our Two Year Old Program, our teachers provide a warm and safe environment focused on sharing God's love with each child and their family. Children are lovingly supported as they engage in learning through play to develop spiritual, cognitive, physical, social/emotional, and language skills. Children will be encouraged to develop autonomy by allowing for achievable accomplishments. The purpose of our Two Year Old Program is to provide Christ-like love, promote a Biblical worldview, pursue excellence in education, and partner with our families.

Bible

God's Word is the foundation for all truth and teaches us how to live (II Timothy 3:16). The Bible program utilizes *The Beginner's Bible*, literature, and music to introduce the students to the chronological events of the Old and New Testaments. Daily prayer and bi-weekly chapel complement the Bible program.

Language Arts

The language arts program is focused on expanding vocabulary while exposing the children to a wide selection of literature throughout the day. The component of story telling is used to build their ability to listen and to develop comprehension skills. Children are exposed to comprehensive, stimulating, age-appropriate material and activities, as well as a variety of literature.

Math

This hands-on, activity rich program incorporates manipulatives, movement, literature, and music. Daily calendar studies provide opportunities to introduce and enrich basic math concepts. Students will apply math concepts to other disciplines such as science, outdoor learning, and art. Some areas of exploration include patterning, measurement, geometry, shapes, and graphs.

Science

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Special Enrichment Classes

Art, Music, Media

K3 PROGRAM

Bible

God's Word is the foundation for all truth and teaches us how to live (II Timothy 3:16). The Bible program utilizes *The Beginner's Bible*, literature, and music to enable the students to comprehend the chronological events of the Old and New Testaments. Daily prayer and bi-weekly chapel complement the Bible program as well as service projects throughout the year.

Language Arts

The language arts program develops a phonetic foundation while exposing the students to a wide selection of literature throughout the day. The component of story telling is used to fine tune their ability to listen, to develop comprehension skills, and to develop early emergent reading strategies. Writing opportunities involve group oral experience stories, journal creations, and individual dictation of stories. Pre-handwriting and fine motor skills are taught using the *Handwriting Without Tears* curriculum.

Math

This hands-on, activity rich program incorporates manipulatives, movement, literature, and music. Daily calendar studies provide opportunities to enrich and reinforce basic math concepts. Students will apply math concepts to other disciplines such as science, outdoor learning, and art. Some areas of exploration include patterning, measurement, geometry, time, shapes, and graphs.

Science

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Special Enrichment Classes

Art, Music, Media, Fun & Fitness

JR. KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Bible

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Language Arts

The language arts program develops a phonetic foundation while exposing the students to a wide selection of literature throughout the day. The component of story telling is used to develop early emergent reading strategies, to fine tune their ability to listen, and to develop comprehension skills. Writing opportunities involve group oral experience stories, interactive writing, journal creations, and individual dictation of stories. Handwriting and fine motor skills are taught using the *Handwriting Without Tears* curriculum.

Math

This hands-on, activity rich program incorporates manipulatives, movement, literature, and music. Daily calendar studies provide opportunities to enrich and reinforce basic math concepts. Students will apply math concepts to other disciplines such as science, outdoor learning, cooking, and art. Some areas of exploration include patterning, measurement, geometry, time, shapes, and graphs.

Science

Through the processes of observation and inquiry, students will explore the many wonders of God's creation. Hands-on opportunities provide an interactive and engaging form of learning so students will begin to develop a scientific "passion."

Special Enrichment Classes

Art, Music, Media, JOY