



# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

## KINDERGARTEN

At Cape Henry Collegiate, our Kindergarten students receive high quality instruction and the social-emotional support to become independent, self-directed learners. Our curriculum is designed to support the whole child, to encourage creativity, and to foster curiosity. We believe our kindergarten curriculum is vitally important and the foundation for future learning.

### WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A CHC KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM?

- Small group instruction with hands-on learning activities
- Opportunities to build skills for independence
- Emphasis on teamwork, collaboration, and social development
- Instruction integrated with the arts
- Integration of technology in instruction

### WHAT DOES THE CHC KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM LOOK LIKE?

The curriculum encourages a balance between academic and social-emotional skills. Across subject areas, students gain the confidence to work independently in centers and with peers in small groups. In Math, students build on early number sense skills. In Language Arts, they build their phonics/reading and writing skills. In Science, students pose questions, look for answers, and explore the natural world around them. The carefully designed, cross-curricular activities in Spanish, Art, Physical Education, Music, Guidance, and Library classes support academic and social development. Additionally, each CHC Kindergarten classroom has a Teacher's Assistant which increases one-on-one and small group instruction time during the day.

### WHAT KEY SKILLS/CONCEPTS DO CHC KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS INTRODUCE TO STUDENTS?

#### **Math: *Math in Focus***

- Identify and work with numbers through 100
- Compare sets
- Identify, create, and use patterns
- Use nonstandard measurements
- Add and subtract through ten

#### **Science:**

- Research ocean life and the Great Barrier Reef
- Learn about proper nutrition and hygiene
- Explore the human anatomy: brains, bones, heart, and muscles
- Engineer bridges

#### **Language Arts: *Superkids and Writer's Workshop***

- Use consonant and vowel patterns to decode
- Build comprehension and fluency skills
- Participate in small group reading centers
- Build stories and nonfiction texts
- Phonics-Based

#### **Social/Global Studies: *Australia***

- Explore geography, states, and territories in Australia
- Research the biodiversity of Australia
- Practice map skills
- Compare/contrast cultures