



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

PREKINDERGARTEN 4

At Cape Henry Collegiate, Prekindergarten 4 students receive high quality instruction and the emotional/social support necessary for building a positive sense of self. Our curriculum is designed to support the whole child, to encourage creativity, and to foster curiosity. We believe our Prekindergarten 4 curriculum is vitally important and the foundation for future learning.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A CHC PREKINDERGARTEN 4 CLASSROOM?

- Small group instruction with hands-on learning activities
- Positive routines and expectations
- Opportunities to build independence skills
- Emphasis on teamwork, collaboration, and social development
- Instruction integrated with the arts
- Appropriate challenges coupled with continuous encouragement

WHAT DOES THE CHC PREKINDERGARTEN 4 CURRICULUM LOOK LIKE?

The curriculum encourages a balance between academic and social skills. In math, students develop early number sense. To build early literacy skills, students receive explicit instruction on the alphabet, learn to identify letters, and recall letter sounds. Social studies provides students with the opportunity to learn about themselves, their community, and their world. In science, students pose questions, look for answers, and explore the natural world around them. The carefully designed activities in Spanish, art, physical education, music, and library classes support academic and social skills.

WHAT KEY SKILLS/CONCEPTS DO CHC PREKINDERGARTEN 4 CLASSROOMS INTRODUCE TO STUDENTS?

Math: *Dimensions Math*

- Match, sort, classify
- Compare objects
- Work with numbers to 10
- Compose/decompose numbers to 10
- Explore addition and subtraction

Science:

- Study and compare clouds
- Research plant life
- Explore living and nonliving things
- Learn about animal adaptations
- Use nonstandard measurements

Language Arts: *Happily Ever After, Explode the Code*

- Recognize print and sentences
- Recognize punctuation
- Distinguish between letters
- Identify and compare/contrast sounds
- Discriminate between words
- Produce rhymes, words with similar sounds

Social Skills:

- Learn from community helpers
- Study animals and their habitats
- Celebrate holidays around the world
- Locate continents on a map
- Use cardinal directions
- Learn about themselves in their families