



METROLINA

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

EARLY EDUCATION CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

EARLY CHILDHOOD PHILOSOPHY

Metrolina Christian Academy's Early Education program celebrates that all children are created by God as unique and gifted with a natural curiosity and creativity. We focus on nurturing each child's unique abilities, interests, and learning styles by encouraging exploration and hands-on learning experiences. Teaching methods are child-centered and tailored to the developmental stages of the children in our care. Our teachers and staff believe in partnering with parents in developing the mind, body, and spirit of each child so they may realize their God-given potential.

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Mission

The mission of Metrolina Christian Academy is to lovingly lead and equip students for Kingdom living.

Vision

The vision of Metrolina Christian Academy is to have students graduate with a Biblical worldview based upon established spiritual disciplines, sound academic thinking, and appropriate skill development that enables them to move into their adult experience with the character and tools to be equipped for service in the Kingdom of God. As we seek to accomplish our vision, we believe it is important that the school develop programs, strategies, and methodologies within the context of Biblical principles that support our mission statement and enable our program to produce graduates that not only own their faith but who are equipped with a Biblical worldview consistent with the expected student outcomes reflected in our portrait of a graduate.

Purpose

We are a community that loves.

We are a culture focused on the truth.

We are a school of excellence.

We are a place to belong.

TWO-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM

In partnership with parents, our teachers create a nurturing and safe environment focused on sharing God's love with each child and their family. Through hands-on activities and a balance of both structured and free play, the natural curiosity of children is encouraged as they explore and learn how the world works. They are given ample opportunities to expand their early math and oral language skills as well as develop their cooperation and social skills.

Bible

God's Word is the foundation for all truth and teaches us how to live (2 Timothy 3:16). Our students are guided through Bible lessons that explore the wonders of creation to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Biblical truths are emphasized using literature, crafts, music, dramatic play, and daily prayer.

Language Arts

The language arts program for our youngest students immerses them in both oral and written language, allowing the children to grow their vocabulary and develop a love for literature. Students are encouraged to express themselves through extension activities, independent and dramatic play, and conflict resolution. Teachers continually support students' language development through interactions and participation in daily routines that also encourage the establishment of self-help skills.

Math

Our math program is hands-on, activity rich, and incorporates manipulatives, movement, literature, and music. Daily calendar and morning meeting activities provide opportunities to introduce and enrich basic math concepts such as counting, comparing, one-to-one correspondence, geometry, graphing, and number sense. Students are also given opportunities to apply math concepts to other disciplines like science, outdoor learning, and art.

Science and Social Studies

Our science and social studies curricula celebrate the natural curiosity of young children as they learn about the majesty and wonder of the world around them and how to relate to that world as we celebrate the uniqueness of God's creation. Hands-on experiences enrich the scientific "passion" that students have for learning both about God's creation and the human society's responsibilities in His creation.

Special Enrichment Classes

Students have the opportunity to participate in special enrichment activities outside of the regular classroom experiences, such as: Music & Movement.

THREES AND JR. KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

In our Threes and Jr. Kindergarten programs teachers continue the partnership with parents as they prepare students for kindergarten by fostering their spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and academic growth. During this time when students are working on increased independence, problem-solving, oral language and vocabulary development, teachers continue to provide a child-centered and nurturing environment as they model and guide them to be all God designed them to be.

Bible

God's Word is the foundation for all truth and teaches us how to live (2 Timothy 3:16). Our students are guided through Bible lessons that explore the wonders of creation to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Biblical truths are emphasized using literature, crafts, music, dramatic play, daily prayer, and bi-weekly chapels.

Language Arts

The language arts program is designed to develop the students' understanding of the oral language, phonics and pre-reading skills needed for reading and writing success in kindergarten. Teachers utilize the Heggerty Phonics program, which helps students develop phonological and phonemic awareness necessary as they begin understanding how letters and sounds make words. Students are also exposed to a variety of literature throughout the day as they develop early emergent reading strategies, fine tune their ability to listen, and develop comprehension skills. Writing opportunities involve group oral experience stories, interactive writing, journal creations, and individual dictation of stories.

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Science and Social Studies

Through the processes of observation and inquiry, students will explore the many wonders of the world around them and how to relate to that world as we celebrate the uniqueness of God's creation. Hands-on experiences enrich the scientific "passion" that students have for learning both about God's creation and the human society's responsibilities in His creation.

Special Enrichment Classes

Students have the opportunity to participate in special enrichment activities outside of the regular classroom experiences, such as: STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art, Math), Physical Education, and Chapel.