



PreSchool

VERITAS ACADEMY GRADE LEVEL PROFILE

PreSchool is all about providing a time for students to explore the world around them. The school day begins with a combination of structured and play-based learning activities that provide exposure to Language/Literacy concepts, Math, and Science. During this time students will be introduced to letter sounds, recognition, and formation.

CLASS SECTIONS

2

STUDENTS PER CLASS

12-14

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

14:2

DAYS ON CAMPUS

M/W or T/TH
+OPTIONAL FRI +OPTIONAL FRI

SCHOOL@HOME

N/A

Vision of a Veritas Defender

We are committed to growing students towards an ideal of the good, wise, and virtuous young man or woman of faith. The Veritas Valiant reflects one such idealized vision that we hope our students aspire to become, while a Defender reflects the present status, or reality, of all of our students as they are *becoming* Valiant-like.

PORTRAIT OF A DEFENDER

We desire to cultivate people, particularly students, who:

1. Understand and believe the Gospel, trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. Are present and active in the worship and life of the local body of Christ.
3. Find joy in the study of Scripture, prayer, and service of Jesus Christ.
4. Read deeply and charitably; reason truthfully, diligently, and earnestly.
5. Speak and write with clarity, wisdom, and eloquence.
6. Engage creation with wonder and respect; pursue beauty and good workmanship.
7. Love Christ the King, following his command to make disciples of all the nations, teaching them to love God and one another.



Grammar School Overview

GRAMMAR STAGE

In the Grammar School, basic factual content and rules—the “grammar”—of each subject is mastered. The curricular emphasis during these years is on learning basic facts and figures during the time when children love to memorize (and when they are best at doing so).

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

PreSchool offers parents an opportunity to allow independent exploration and growth in a school setting. Parents are supportive of the classroom, while all teaching happens within the school day.

SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Special Grammar School traditions include Chapel, Veritas ROCKS, a winter Daddy-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Event, and an annual Food Drive.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Opportunities for Grammar School students to connect to the entire community include Defender Family Night, Fall Roundup, and more.

VERITAS ROCKS

Based on the Biblical concept of building our homes on rock and not on sand, Veritas ROCKS summarizes the standard of behavior that will be promoted at Veritas Academy:

- R – Respect Authority
- O – Others are Important
- C – Correction: Accept it and Learn from it
- K – Keep Yourself Prepared
- S – Seek Excellence

Special Events

JESUS IS MY ROCK

PreSchool kicks off the Veritas Rocks tradition by learning about the Veritas ROCKS and practicing these standards of behavior. At the end of the year when other grade level teachers present each student with a specific character trait rock, PreSchool students will receive a “Jesus is my rock” rock that they help create.

PRESCHOOL FALL FAMILY FEAST

PreSchool students and parents join together for a feast to build community and discuss our many blessings.

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Core Subjects

MATH	Basic math skills are introduced and include number recognition, comparing size and shapes, patterning, calendar, counting, and identifying numerals 1-10.
HANDWRITING	Fine motor skills are strengthened as students participate in center activities designed to increase hand strength. Students are instructed in the proper grip during coloring activities. Students learn to build upper case letters.
READING	Students listen to a variety of quality literature that supports thematic units. Students are given adequate time to enjoy living books.
LETTER RECOGNITION	Students learn to identify letters through songs and teacher led small group activities.

Daily Schedule 8:10am-2:30pm

Morning Meeting – 20 minutes	Outdoor Exploration – 60 minutes	Rest Time – 60 minutes
Directed Play – 45 minutes	Lunch – 30 minutes	Center Exploration – 60 minutes
Letter Exploration – 30 minutes	Story Time – 15 minutes	Music & Movement – 30 minutes
Snack – 20 minutes	Children's Chapel – 20 minutes	

In Grammar School, courses are combined into one core block and teachers structure the school day to include instruction of all subjects. This daily schedule is a general guide of a typical school day.

School@Home Day

Students in PreSchool do not have work to complete on School@Home Days.



Presentations & Projects

Students are given opportunities to practice speaking in class to help them become comfortable and confident in their public speaking skills. PreSchool works on this through Share Time Presentations throughout the year. Rhetoric skills learned in Grammar and Logic schools build toward the capstone Senior Thesis, a 20-minute memorized speech that students present and defend in the spring of their Senior year.

Special Units

PreSchool will have a weekly theme of study. Each unit will include structured and play-based activities that expose students to language/literacy, math, and science concepts.

Sample Lesson Plans

Lesson Plans are written by classroom teachers for on-campus instruction.

DAILY SCHEDULE

MATERIALS

Calendar Items
Letter/Color/Number Books
Handwriting Without Tears (HWT) Teacher's Manual
Handwriting Without Tears (HWT) Wood Pieces
Read Aloud Books
Music CD's
Center Items

OBJECTIVES (THE LEARNER WILL)

TLW participate in circle time.
TLW practice classroom routines.
TLW explore letter pieces.
TLW identify rules and procedures for center time.
TLW identify and count to the number 3.

ACTIVITIES

1. Circle Time:

- Sing "Hello" song and practice shaking hands with right hand (track 5 on CD).
- Sing days of the week song.
- Sing months of the year song.
- Practice cross marching.
- Review number flash cards (0-5).
- Count to 3.

2. Letter Exploration:

- Sing "Elmo the Elephant" and identify objects that begin with /e/ (track 7 on CD).
- Introduce the vertical and horizontal wood pieces.
- Demonstrate with the wood pieces how to form the letter E.
- Build the letter E.

3. Bible:

- Read Jonah 3:3.
- Discuss the story of Jonah and the Big Fish.

4. Math:

- Sing the "Three" song.
- Identify and count the numbers 1-3.

5. Centers:

- Blocks
- Puzzles
- Home
- Reading
- Explore Table Toys
- Letter Center with Teacher
- Art Center with Teacher





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