



## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

### PREKINDERGARTEN 3

At Cape Henry Collegiate, prekindergarten 3 students receive high quality instruction to foster a love of learning and the emotional/social support necessary for building a positive sense of self. Our curriculum is designed to support the whole child, encourage creativity and foster curiosity. Skills and concepts learned in prekindergarten 3 are the vitally important foundation for future learning.

#### WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A CHC PREKINDERGARTEN 3 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
- Integration of technology and arts in instruction
- Appropriate challenges coupled with continuous encouragement

#### WHAT DOES THE CHC PREKINDERGARTEN 3 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, identifying letters and recalling 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. Carefully designed activities in Spanish, physical education and music classes support academic and social skills.

#### WHAT KEY SKILLS/CONCEPTS DO CHC PREKINDERGARTEN 3 CLASSROOMS INTRODUCE TO STUDENTS?

##### **Math**

- Identify and order numbers
- Count from 1 to 10
- Identify and create patterns
- Compare, position and order objects
- Identify, create and compare shapes

##### **Language Arts**

- Distinguish between numbers and letters
- Recognize letters and sounds
- Identify and write first name

##### **Oral Communication/Comprehension**

- Follow directions
- Develop oral vocabulary
- Express ideas
- Ask and answer questions
- Retell the events of a story

##### **Social Skills**

- Work with peers to create art or complete a task
- Learn to advocate for needs
- Develop friendships and connections with peers and adults