



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

PREKINDERGARTEN 4

At Cape Henry Collegiate, prekindergarten 4 students receive high quality instruction that fosters 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 4 are the vitally important 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
- Integration of technology and arts in instruction
- 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, 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 4 CLASSROOMS INTRODUCE TO STUDENTS?

Math

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

Language Arts

- Discriminate letters, words and sentences
- Recognize punctuation, letters and sounds
- Form letters
- Develop phonemic awareness and early writing skills

Science

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

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 and their families