



# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

## KINDERGARTEN

At Cape Henry Collegiate, our kindergarten students receive high quality instruction that fosters academic confidence and the social-emotional support to become independent, self-directed learners. Our curriculum is designed to support the whole child, encourage creativity and foster curiosity. Skills and concepts learned in transition are the vitally important foundation for future learning.

### WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A CHC KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM?

- Small group instruction with hands-on learning activities
- Opportunities to build skills for independence
- Emphasis on teamwork, collaboration and social development
- Integration of technology and arts in instruction

### WHAT DOES THE CHC KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM LOOK LIKE?

The curriculum encourages a balance between academic and social-emotional skills. Across subject areas, students gain the confidence to work independently in centers and with peers in small groups. Each kindergarten classroom has a two teacher instructional model to maximize one-on-one and small group instruction throughout the day. In math, students build on early number sense skills and deepen problem solving strategies. In language arts, they build their phonemic awareness, reading and writing skills. In science, students pose questions, look for answers and explore the natural world around them. Carefully designed, cross-curricular activities in Spanish, art, physical education, music, guidance and library classes support academic and social development.

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

#### **Math**

- Identify and work with numbers through 100
- Compare sets
- Identify, create and use patterns
- Use nonstandard measurements
- Add and subtract through ten

#### **Language Arts**

- Expand phonemic awareness skills necessary for decoding
- Build comprehension and fluency skills
- Participate in small group reading centers
- Build stories and nonfiction texts

#### **Science**

- Research ocean life and the Great Barrier Reef
- Learn about proper nutrition and hygiene
- Explore the human anatomy brains, bones, heart and muscles
- Engineer bridges

#### **Social/Global Studies**

- Explore geography, states and territories in Australia
- Research the biodiversity of Australia
- Compare and contrast cultures
- Explore Australian animals
- Create artwork from various Indigenous cultures