Cape Henry COLLEGIATE

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

PREKINDERGARTEN 3

At Cape Henry Collegiate, prekindergarten students benefit from high quality instruction that nurtures curiosity, confidence and a joyful love of learning. Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to support the whole child while fostering creativity, collaboration, communication and early problem-solving skills. Prekindergarten 3 is a year of exciting discovery as students build foundational academic, social-emotional and independence skills while developing the confidence needed for success

WHAT MAKES PREKINDERGARTEN 3 DISTINCTIVE?

Prekindergarten 3 provides a warm, nurturing environment where learning happens through purposeful play, hands-on exploration and meaningful relationships. Students are encouraged to wonder, investigate, create and build confidence while developing classroom routines, early independence and positive relationships with peers and teachers. A two-teacher instructional model provides personalized support and meaningful small-group instruction.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A PREKINDERGARTEN 3 CLASSROOM?

- Hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences that inspire curiosity and exploration.
- Small-group instruction that provides individualized support while building foundational skills.
- A nurturing classroom community that encourages independence, confidence and positive social interactions.
- Daily opportunities for conversation, storytelling, music, movement and play that strengthen language and communication.
- Integrated experiences in science, art, music, Spanish and physical education that make learning meaningful and engaging.

A PREKINDERGARTEN 3 STUDENT WILL...

- Develop early literacy skills through songs, stories, letter recognition and beginning letter-sound awareness.
- Build early number sense by counting, sorting, recognizing patterns and exploring shapes and positional concepts.
- Strengthen oral language through conversations, storytelling, asking and answering questions, and retelling stories.
- Explore the natural world through observation, questioning and hands-on investigations.
- Develop independence by following routines, making choices and participating in classroom responsibilities.
- Build friendships and confidence through purposeful play, collaboration and creative expression.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PREKINDERGARTEN 3 CURRICULUM

Language Arts

Students begin developing foundational literacy skills through letter recognition, beginning letter-sound awareness, vocabulary development, listening comprehension, storytelling and early writing experiences. Rich literature, songs, conversations and play nurture confident communicators and enthusiastic learners.

Mathematics

Students develop early number sense by exploring numbers, counting, recognizing patterns, comparing objects, using positional words, and identifying and creating shapes through hands-on experiences.

Science and Innovation

Students investigate the world around them by observing nature, asking questions and exploring simple scientific concepts through hands-on experiments. Play-based exploration encourages curiosity, creativity and early problem-solving skills.

Social and Global Studies

Students explore the geography, weather, wildlife and unique environment of Antarctica. They will also learn about themselves, their families, their classroom community and the wider world. Through collaborative experiences, cultural celebrations and community connections, students develop empathy, friendship and an appreciation for others.

Prekindergarten 3 is a year of joyful growth as students develop foundational academic, social-emotional and independence skills. By the end of the year, students have built confidence, curiosity and positive learning habits that prepare them for the exciting opportunities and increased independence of prekindergarten 4.