



# PRE-SCHOOL & PRE-KINDERGARTEN

It is a happy talent to know how to play. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Pre-School 3 year olds

Our program is a 2-day program offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays designed for children who have turned 3 by September 1st.

## Pre-Kindergarten

4 - 5 year olds

Our program has both 3-day (offered on Monday, Wednesday & Friday) and 5-day options and is designed for children who have turned 4 by September 1st.

Class is scheduled from 8:15-12:30. Students may opt to participate in our extended-day program as well, which is scheduled in the afternoons from 12:30-2:55. The extended day program includes enrichment activities, outdoor playtime, and a quiet/rest time. Admission to our Pre-Kindergarten program has no bearing upon acceptance into the Kindergarten program. All children will be screened for Kindergarten readiness. Kindergarten priority will be given to our current students and siblings of students currently enrolled in Grades K through 12.



Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten Programs at Covenant Christian Academy are designed to nurture a love of learning and to establish a foundation for lifelong learning. Young children grow and learn in the context of affirming teachers, a high quality curriculum, and the integration of Christian values reinforced by authentic role modeling. Our program provides a curriculum and instructional program that is interactive, age-appropriate, and responsive to the interest and development of the whole child: intellectually, spiritually, socially, and emotionally. Every child receives content-area teaching in math, science, social studies, reading readiness, as well as Bible. In addition, children participate in weekly music and library classes. Flowing out of both the mission of Covenant Christian Academy and the goal of establishing a comfortable, loving, and fun classroom atmosphere, the classroom teachers serve as living examples of what it means to love God and love others. In addition, the teachers intentionally nurture students to show proper respect for adult authorities, their classmates, and all school property.

*In Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten you will see...*

- Children developing a positive self image by learning to be a good friend, taking turns, sharing, listening to teachers and others, following directions, dealing with conflicts, and showing respect for God, others, and their classroom.
- Children learning about numbers and numerical concepts such as one-to-one correspondence, counting, simple addition and subtraction through creative, engaging, hands-on, and fun activities.
- Teachers tapping into children's inquisitive nature of wanting to know about the world around them. Examples of thematic units include: Leaves, Pumpkins, Penguins, Baby Animals, Caterpillars, and Butterflies. Through simple, hands-on experimentation, children have the opportunity to explore God's world up close.
- Children and teachers reading, reading, and reading some more! At this age, reading is always a natural tool to promote learning. The Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten classrooms house an array of wonderful age-appropriate literature that teachers use every day.
- Children learning through play and exploration: Creative centers comprise a large part of the classroom. The learning centers in our classroom include Book Corner, Writing Center, Discover (Math and Science), Blocks, Fine Motor, Puzzles and Games, and Dramatic Play. These centers are designed to enrich the children's experience as they construct, experiment, play "pretend," and even curl up with a good book.
- In our safe and nurturing setting, students learn all about a 3 or 4/5 year-old's community, including family, school, neighborhood and church, while also discovering the bigger world beyond. Our themes include Seasons, Thanksgiving, the Christmas and Easter Stories, Animals, and Insects, just to name a few.
- Students discover the joy of music through hands-on activities, learning that music is a gift from God – that as we sing, move, and play, we give Him glory!
- Students enjoying time in our gymnasium. While enjoying games filled with fun and activity, children learn the fundamental skills and movement patterns of leaping, sliding, dodging, skipping, stretching, twisting, lifting, and swinging.
- Children learning safety rules for the playground and gym, basic loco-motor skills, and how to play fair in a group. As we do this we acknowledge that we are made by God for His pleasure, and that by faith in Him we live and move and have our being.

