



4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM-South Campus

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:15 - 11:15 am

Crosshill Christian's preschool classes are designed to provide developmental readiness in preparation for kindergarten success, enhance spiritual well-being, develop personal-social skills and encourage creativity. A lively, hands-on academic program gives children an enjoyable educational foundation and a desire to learn more. Activities that are easily expanded or simplified help us to meet each child's individual needs and they become successful, challenged learners.

The class is taught using overlapping Letters of the Week and weekly themes with an integrated approach to academic, motor and spiritual development. Mathematical readiness, phonetic and reading readiness, writing readiness, Bible, arts and crafts, music, science and motor dexterity are all areas that are emphasized in our preschool classes.

Mathematical Readiness:

Utilizing *Footsteps for Fours* curriculum, students are taught to count to 15, write and recognize numbers 1-10. Shape recognition, sequencing and sorting, patterning, measuring, graphing and understanding of dates are also taught through hands-on manipulatives and a daily math corner time.

Reading Readiness and Phonics:

A reading readiness curriculum which incorporates kinesthetic, auditory and visual reinforcement is used as a foundation to teach students the phonetic sounds of the alphabet with short and long vowel sounds only. From there, hands on activities, songs, literature, games and dress-up days are used in alphabetical order to expand student's knowledge of letter sounds as well as how to write the letters. Activities are geared to meet individual student needs are easily simplified or expanded so that each child is met at their level.

Writing Readiness:

Letter writing practice, sentence finishing, class stories and other writing experiences give students a strong foundation for future writing. Activities are easily adapted with dot-to-dot letter writing for those who need a little help or expanded to learning capitals, periods, questions, nouns and verbs for those who need a challenge.

Bible:

A variety of Bible stories are used to familiarize students with many people from the Bible. Students will learn a weekly Bible virtue to give students a basic knowledge of the Christian faith and the love of Christ.

Arts and Crafts:

Creativity is encouraged through thematic projects and a variety of media. Skills taught include painting with a variety of objects, drawing, coloring, tracing, clay, cutting, gluing, and collage. Craft projects encourage direction following skills and learning through both auditory and visual cues.

Music/PE:

Music and PE is taught once a week. Our preschool students participate in a variety of musical and physical education activities throughout the school year. They spend several weeks practicing songs for the Christmas program in December and the Musical in May. Students learn rhythm, rhyme, volume, pitch and movement during their music class.

Science:

Students take a look at the wonderful world that God created through science. Seasonal changes, plant life, animal and insect studies and, of course, creation are all part of this fascination study.

Motor Dexterity:

Fine motor skills are developed through activities such as finger plays, coloring, cutting, play dough and manipulative toys. Gross motor skills are developed by skipping, galloping, hopping, and throwing and kicking balls during our movement time.