



## Calvary Christian Academy Preschool Curriculum Overview

It is our goal at Calvary Christian Academy to instill in our preschoolers a love for learning that will continue throughout their lives. Our age appropriate curriculum and hands-on learning activities will teach them new concepts in fun and engaging ways. We have been so blessed to hear from the very mouths of our precious little ones that "school is fun!"

### **Bible**

What a joy it is for us to share the love of Jesus with your children! All of our staff love the Lord and are glad to share this love with their students. Our teachers lovingly model and encourage our students to follow the ways of the Lord in their classrooms through daily devotions, scripture memorization, praise and worship songs, prayer and Biblical application. We will focus on a different bible passage each week from The Beginners Bible and will memorize a new scripture verse every month. We will also enjoy Chapel Time every Wednesday morning, where the classes will take turns leading in worship songs and will learn the weekly Bible lesson from our Pastoral Staff.

### **Writing**

Our classes will be using the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum. This curriculum develops coloring, drawing, counting, and handwriting readiness through music and multi-sensory learning materials. Our preschoolers will enjoy forming letters with wood pieces, play dough, chalk, and magnet boards. Our 3 Year Old class will be developing their skills with the Preschool Handwriting Without Tears Workbook and our 4 Year Old classes will be using the Kindergarten Workbook. HWOT has won the Distinguished Achievement Award for the best children's curriculum as well as the Teacher's Choice award from Learning Magazine.

### **Phonics**

Our classes use both SWR and the Zoo-Phonics curriculum to teach the children the sounds and shapes of the alphabet through animal characters and body movements. The Zoo-Phonics program fully involves the child's eyes, ears, mouth, and body as they learn phonemic awareness, the alphabet, and how to create words. The SWR program expounds on the various sounds of each letter and teaches the beginning rules of the English language.

## **Science**

Our students will experience fun hands-on activities in the areas of Physical Science, Life Science, Earth and Space Science, Science and Technology, Nature, and Weather. We encourage children's curiosity, exploration, and problem solving skills through our age appropriate Science experiences.

## **Social Studies**

Our students will learn about the world in which they live through a variety of ways. We will explore our community through field trips, visits from resource persons from the community, literature, dances, songs, games, maps, cooking projects, and art activities. We will also enjoy Missions month where we will learn about different cultures, pray for all the countries of the world, and raise money for missions!

## **Math**

Our classes use math concepts throughout the day. We sing songs with mathematical ideas, read books that showcase math, and build with blocks and manipulative toys where children practice their skills in spatial awareness, number and operations, and patterns and measurement. In addition to everyday activities our 3 Year Old class will be using HWOT to introduce numbers and counting skills. Our 4 Year Old classes will be using the Horizons Math curriculum. Horizons Math teaches beginning math concepts through fun hands-on activities that actively engage children in the learning process.

## **Music and Movement**

Music is a universal language and is an important way to be part of our diverse culture. Music and Movement is a daily part of our program. Our students will enjoy expressing themselves as they dance, sing, and play instruments. We also use songs as a way to aid our preschoolers in their memorization skills.

## **Art**

Art is a way to express feelings and understanding. At CCAP, we daily give our students the opportunity to enhance their artistic and creative development. Children will use a variety of art media to draw, paint, print, mold, and create. This gives them the opportunity to be the creator of their work and to express their own ideas.

## **Play**

Play is such an important part of a child's life. Play supports the physical, social, and emotional development in children. Through play, children develop ways of expressing their emotions and ideas, learn problem solving skills, and create positive relationships with other children. At CCAP, we encourage play through construction toys, dramatic play, manipulatives, art materials, puzzles, books, water, sand, sensory tables, climbing structures, large motor skill toys, and the outdoors. Most importantly, we allow children the time they need to engage in meaningful play.

## **Cooking**

Cooking in the classroom is always a favorite! Our students will enjoy baking, creating, putting together, and tasting new and exciting foods. These activities will also teach the children healthy eating habits to take care of the bodies God gave them! In our cooking lessons, children will build skills in grating, scooping, and pouring. They will develop math skills while exploring quantity, weight, measurement, size, transformations, and concept of time. They will develop literacy awareness as they follow the recipes and will learn new vocabulary as cooking has a language of its own!