

Welcome to WCCA's Kindergarten!

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Ah, kindergartners! They are full of adventure and questions, and love playing challenging games. They also have a fairly good sense of time and are beginning to enjoy thinking and reflecting as they learn new things.

Is your child ready for kindergarten? Our kindergarten teachers will administer a basic entrance exam, but we also suggest looking at the following checklist. Your child should be able to -

- Pay attention for 10-15 minutes to adult-directed tasks,
- Listen to stories without interrupting,
- Understand actions have both cause and effect,
- Hold a pencil properly and show some understanding of printing name and copying shapes,
- Speak clearly and in complete sentences,
- Follow rules,
- Identify some letters and numbers, and
- Identify colors.

Our Overall Goal

Kindergarten is one of the many milestones in the life of your child, and we are privileged to be considered as the teachers who will introduce your child to school.

The WCCA kindergarten is a safe, nurturing place for a child to grow

academically, spiritually, socially, and physically. It is our goal that your child has a successful, confidence-building year, developing a love of learning that will be the foundation for future school success.

Curriculum Basics

Spiritual growth is encouraged through frequent opportunities to hear and respond to God's Word. Kindergartners meet with 1st and 2nd graders each week for a special chapel of prayer, praise, and worship. This learning is reinforced by daily **Bible** lessons in the classroom utilizing the ACSI curriculum.

Academic growth is fostered through our full-day program of direct instruction, teacher-student interaction, and individual work and exploration. A variety of teaching methods are used and adapted to individual learning styles. Students develop the skills that promote the goals of reading, writing, and understanding math. They learn to respect and appreciate themselves, others, and all of God's creation.

Our teachers use an SRA **phonics and sight words** curriculum, which incorporates California State Standards in **language arts, science, and social studies**. The Abeka **Math** curriculum is used, along with additional complementary materials.

Social growth is promoted through daily Interactions with students, teachers,

and staff. One particular program that matches each kindergartner with a fourth-grade buddy has been extremely beneficial in developing mentor-type relationships. With Jesus as our example, biblical character traits are recognized and encouraged. Friendship, responsibility, obedience, and respect are just a few of the important attributes developed in the classroom and on the playground. **Peacemakers** is a school-wide program designed to equip students with the social and biblical skills to appropriately handle conflict.

Field trips to such venues as Smith Family Farms, Children's Fairyland, and the Oakland Zoo, as well as age-specific, weekly instruction in **art, music, physical education, library, computer, Spanish,** and performance opportunities round out the numerous stimulating kindergarten experiences.

Our class sizes are typically less than 22 students, and our teachers are frequently assisted by teacher aides. Parent volunteers are also encouraged to participate in the classroom setting.

WCCA Sample Kindergarten Schedule

"I have four children at WCCA and all have attended since kindergarten. I am so grateful for the loving attention each child has received here. I especially love the all-day kindergarten and the spiritual lessons that are taught along with the daily skills. The parent-teacher communication is great and it is evident that the teachers truly enjoy what they are doing. I appreciate the close, personal, and caring atmosphere at WCCA and my children have loved going to a school where they are nurtured and encouraged in such a positive Christian environment."

Sarah Turner

I have found that the WCCA kindergarten provides an environment that is developmentally appropriate. Young children have the opportunity to learn that school is a good place to be, where there's a balance of things that are familiar and comfortable and things that are new and exciting. There are opportunities for indoor and outdoor play, rest, and plenty of snacks. It takes a really talented teacher to give just enough academic challenge in a safe, nurturing environment. I have observed that my child's teacher accomplishes this. Not only is the classroom developmentally appropriate, but also the kids are learning that God loves them and that they can pray to Him.

Ginny Halstead,
Parent and Former Public School Teacher

We welcome your visit to our campus and classrooms! Please call the school office at (925) 935-1587 to schedule an appointment. And for even more information about WCCA, please visit our website at www.wccaeagles.org.

8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Daily

Opening Exercises

Bible

Phonics

Math

Science

Social Studies

Language

Two Recesses

11:15 a.m. to Noon Daily

Lunch and Recess

Noon to 2:50 p.m. Daily

Story Time

Nap

Learning Centers

Individual Choice Time

One Recess

Once a Week

Chapel with 1st and 2nd Graders

Library

Music

Computer

Spanish

Art

Interaction with 4th Grade Buddies

Cooking is done twice a month

Physical Education is done twice a week