

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Positive Action for Christ 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.

In particular, our teachers use SRA **Phonics** curriculum and enrichment supplements, and the Abeka **Math** curriculum, 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, and performance opportunities round out the numerous stimulating kindergarten experiences.

Our class sizes are limited to no more than 22 students (with an average of 18), and our teachers are frequently assisted by teacher aides. Parent volunteers are also encouraged to participate in the classroom setting.

# WCCA Sample Kindergarten Schedule

*“When it came time for our son to start kindergarten, we researched several educational options. We chose WCCA for many reasons, but primarily because of their full-day program. Even though it seemed like a long day at first, we believe that the teachers have more time to teach the basic concepts, and the children thrive in a more relaxed classroom setting.”*

*Brad and Vicki Northcutt*

*“The WCCA kindergarten program is fabulous! The environment is warm, nurturing and safe. The teachers and faculty have a genuine concern for the development and well being of every child here. We are truly blessed to be here!”*

*Richard and Connie Udjur*

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 [wcca eagles.org](http://wcca eagles.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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

Library

Music

Computer

Art

Interaction with 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Buddies

Cooking is done twice a month

Physical Education is done twice a week