



Children's Education Center Curriculum and Instruction

We offer a developmentally appropriate, Christian-based thematic curriculum in each classroom. Children that are enrolled full time attend Chapel, Music & Movement, and Spanish weekly.

**We partner with families to promote the development and success of children in many areas:
spiritually, emotionally, socially, cognitively, and physically.**

Infants, Toddlers, & 2s = Wee Learn Curriculum (Christian-based thematic curriculum)

3s = Wee Learn, Count on Math, ABCs, Handwriting Without Tears

4s = Wee Learn, Count on Math, ABCs, Handwriting Without Tears II

Transition = Wee Learn, Handwriting Without Tears III, Phonics & Reading, Count on Math & ACSI Kindergarten Math.

Kindergarten = Wee Learn, Handwriting Without Tears IV, Lucy Calkin's Phonics & Reading, Tara West's Kinder Math, Social Studies, & Science

At CEC we provide excellence in early childhood education by providing a framework for best practice. This framework is known as developmentally appropriate practice, often shortened to DAP. This is an approach to teaching grounded in the research on how young children develop and learn and in what is known about effective early education. Its framework is designed to promote young children's optimal learning and development. DAP involves teachers meeting young children where they are (by stage of development), both as individuals and as part of a group; and helping each child meet challenging and achievable learning goals.

Toddlers

In all of our programs we implement a developmentally appropriate/Christian-based thematic Wee Learn curriculum by Child Development Education Alliance (CDEA). Our toddler teachers also utilize the Born to Learn curriculum guide to professional caregiving.

2s

In our 2s we introduce alphabet awareness and begin the developmental sequence in Count on Math (Free Exploration, Spatial Relationships, Sorting, and Ordering). Students attend Chapel, Music & Movement, and Spanish weekly. Children have the opportunity for gross motor play daily.

3s

In our 3s program we implement a Christian-based thematic curriculum, ABCs, Handwriting Without Tears, and Count on Math. Students attend Chapel, Music & Movement, and Spanish weekly. Children have the opportunity for gross motor play daily.

Pre-K

In our Pre-K, we cover a letter per week which corresponds with our Handwriting Without Tears II program. Learning our ABCs and phonics follows the progression in Handwriting Without Tears. Our math curriculum is Count on Math, where one concept builds upon the next. Our children attend Chapel, Music & Movement, and Spanish weekly. Children have the opportunity for gross motor play daily.

Transition

We created our Transition class for those children who are Kindergarten age, but would benefit from a bonus year of school. (On an individual basis, we will also evaluate children who will not be Kindergarten age but are turning five in the fall and have completed a Pre-K/4s program.) In our Transition class students use the third workbook in the Handwriting Without Tears program. Our math curriculum follows the Count on Math concept progression and incorporates Kindergarten Math from ACSI (Assoc. of Christian Schools Int'l). We implement reading and phonics curriculum, as well. All of our children attend Chapel, Music & Movement, and Spanish weekly. Children have the opportunity for gross motor play daily.

Private Kindergarten

We are thrilled to offer Private Kindergarten! In our Kindergarten class we will implement Handwriting Without Tears and Lucy Calkin's reading and phonics programs. We will utilize Scholastic readers and track skills with Fountas & Pinnell's Benchmark Assessment System. We will also utilize Tara West's Kinder Math - Little Minds at Work, Kinder Social Skills, and Kinder Science curriculum. All of our children attend Chapel, Music & Movement, and Spanish weekly. Children have the opportunity for gross motor play daily.

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Blessings,

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