

## Welcome to the Kindergarten Program of Providence Classical Academy!

We're genuinely excited to get to know your student and shepherd their mind and heart for the next school year. We want to tell you some things you and your student will experience while in kindergarten. We hope all of our students enjoy singing and chanting because so much of what we learn is through the art of song.

We'll spend the majority of our time learning these subjects:

**Math** - Your student will become a great mathematician and absorb many math facts and become a whiz with a one hundred counting chart. They'll learn to skip count numbers through eleven. They'll learn to tell time and count money.

**Phonics** - We'll use the application of phonogram sounds to teach your student how to read. We have many activities planned to make learning fun and ignite their love of reading and good literature.

**Penmanship** - Your student will build on their fine motor development by learning to draw each lowercase letter as we teach the sound(s) it makes. Excellent penmanship is valuable. Proficiency is desired. We encourage fine motor development through the practice of cutting and coloring "in the lines." We have suggestions for you to help with this below.

**Literature** - Classical stories come to life through Fairytale Friday. We read aloud vocabulary rich chapter books to further your student's love of reading.

**Bible/History** - We unpack what occurred during Old Testament times beginning with Creation. They will hide God's Word in their heart daily through scripture memorization. We also memorize the first 20 Catechism questions and answers as part of a monthly memory work. **Science**- We discover the wonder of God's amazing Creation as we explore what He made on each day before He rested on day seven.

**Geography** - We have a special place in God's great big world. We'll sing our way through the seven continents and five oceans. We'll learn all 50 states and their capitals to song. The Presidents' names will be familiar to your student when they exit kindergarten because they will have sung the names of them during our Winter/Spring quarters.

These subjects will be complemented with a study of classical artists and classical composers. We'll learn the poetry of Christina Rossetti by memorizing one of her poems each month. Your student will also experience gross motor development, eye-hand coordination, and teamwork through PE.

These subjects and studies will take us on field trips and fun activities throughout the year. Two of the most rewarding things that can happen in kindergarten is the development of your student's literacy and their awareness of God's love for them.

Since we learn so much through song and chant, we will send out a CD/Download of Songs to help jump start the learning over the second half of the summer. A few other things you as parents can do to help your kindergartener get ready for their next adventure in their academic career with us at PCA include plenty of coloring and cutting practice, playing with playdough, using a spray bottle of water to spray in the shower or outside will do wonders to strengthen the tripod grasp of a pencil/crayon. Cutting sandpaper, playdough, cardstock, or any "thick" material will do the same. Become familiar with a 100 chart (a chart that has numbers 0-100). This will be used to gain mastery of numbers "before", "after", and "in between". We teach how to draw numbers correctly. All numbers and letters start from the top...never from the bottom.

There are so many things your student will learn, hear, see, and experience in kindergarten, but most of all, we want them to know they're loved by our Creator God and He has a plan and purpose for them. They can demonstrate their love to Him in return by striving to be obedient, responsible, and respectful during their days of kindergarten. For His glory and their good!

We are planning to hold a meet & greet gathering for Kindergarten students. It will feature some play time with a special book read aloud from each Kindergarten teacher! This will be held sometime over the summer and the office will email parents to let them know. We eagerly anticipate meeting you very soon!

With Love,  
Your PCA Kindergarten Teachers