

PRESCHOOL VERITAS ACADEMY GRADE LEVEL PROFILE



Students enrolling in PreSchool must be 3 years old by August 31 and potty trained prior to the first day of school.

GOALS

SPIRITUAL

PreSchool students are just discovering the world God has created and spend a portion of each school day in their own Children's Chapel. Children's Chapel is a special time where our PreSchool students praise God through reading Bible stories and Scripture, singing songs, and taking time to pray together.

ACADEMIC

PreSchool is all about providing a time for students to explore the world around them. The school day begins with a combination of structured and play-based learning activities that provide exposure to Language/Literacy concepts, Math, and Science. During this time students will be introduced to letter sounds, recognition, and formation.

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

PreSchool begins to prepare minds and bodies for school. We will begin training the habits of a student through consistency and structured routines. Teachers work with students to understand how to be in a classroom setting and to work cooperatively with others. Students will practice independence with unpacking/packing their own belongings, learning how to accept correction with a good attitude, and being kind to peers.

TRADITIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

JESUS IS MY ROCK

PreSchool kicks off the Veritas Rocks tradition by learning about the Veritas ROCKS and practicing these standards of behavior. At the end of the year when other grade level teachers present each student with a specific character trait rock, PreSchool students will receive a "Jesus is my rock" rock that they help create.

PRESCHOOL FALL FAMILY FEAST

PreSchool students and parents join together for a feast to build community and discuss our many blessings.

CLASS SECTIONS 1-2

STUDENTS PER CLASS 14

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO 14:2

DAYS ON CAMPUS M/W

SCHOOL@HOME DAYS N/A

GRAMMAR SCHOOL OVERVIEW

GRAMMAR STAGE

In the Grammar School, basic factual content and rules—the "grammar"—of each subject is mastered. The curricular emphasis during these years is on learning basic facts and figures during the time when children love to memorize (and when they are best at doing so).

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

PreSchool offers parents an opportunity to allow independent exploration and growth in a school setting. Parents are supportive of the classroom, while all teaching happens within the school day.

SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Special Grammar School traditions include Chapel, Veritas ROCKS, a special Homecoming Pep Rally, a winter Daddy-Daughter Dance, and an annual Food Drive.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Opportunities for Grammar School students to connect to the entire community include MLK Service Day, Family Defender Night, and Fall Fest.

VERITAS ROCKS

Based on the Biblical concept of building our homes on rock and not on sand, Veritas ROCKS summarizes the standard of behavior that will be promoted at Veritas Academy:

R – Respect Authority

O – Others are Important

C – Correction: Accept it and Learn from it

K – Keep Yourself Prepared

S – Seek Excellence

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CORE SUBJECTS

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| MATH | Basic math skills are introduced and include number recognition, comparing size and shapes, patterning, calendar, counting, and identifying numerals 1 - 10. |
| HANDWRITING | Fine motor skills are strengthened as students participate in center activities designed to increase hand strength. Students are instructed in the proper grip during coloring activities. Students learn to build upper case letters. |
| READING | Students listen to a variety of quality literature that supports thematic units. Students are given adequate time to enjoy living books. |
| SPELLING | Students are exposed to spelling color and number words through Frog Street Press songs and ELF flash card input activities. |

DAILY SCHEDULE 8:20AM - 1:55PM, WITH AN OPTIONAL ELECTIVE UNTIL 2:55PM

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| Morning Meeting - 15 minutes | Snack - 15 minutes | Rest Time - 45 minutes |
| Directed Play - 30 minutes | Outdoor Exploration - 60 minutes | Center Exploration - 45 minutes |
| ELF Movement - 15 minutes | Lunch - 30 minutes | Music & Movement - 15 minutes |
| Letter Exploration - 15 minutes | Story Time - 15 minutes | |
| Structured Centers - 45 minutes | Children's Chapel - 15 minutes | |

In Grammar School, courses are combined into one core block and teachers structure the school day to include instruction of all subjects. This daily schedule is a general guide of a typical school day.

SCHOOL@HOME DAY

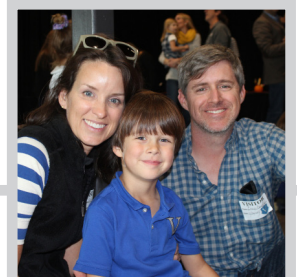
Students in PreSchool do not have work to complete on School@Home Days

PRESENTATIONS/PROJECTS

Students are given opportunities to practice speaking in class to help them become comfortable and confident in their public speaking skills. PreSchool works on this through Share Time Presentations throughout the year. Rhetoric skills learned in Grammar and Logic schools build toward the capstone Senior Thesis, a 20-minute memorized speech that students present and defend in the spring of their Senior year.

SPECIAL UNITS

PreSchool will have a weekly theme of study. Each unit will include structured and play-based activities that expose students to language/literacy, math, and science concepts.



Lesson Plans are written by classroom teachers for on-campus instruction on M/W.

MATERIALS

Calendar Items
Flashcards
HWT Teacher's Manual
HWT Wood Pieces
Read Aloud Books
Music CD's
Center Items

OBJECTIVES

TLW participate in circle time.
TLW practice classroom routines.
TLW explore letter pieces.
TLW identify rules & procedures for center time.
TLW identify & count to the number 3.

ACTIVITIES

1. CIRCLE TIME

- Sing "Hello" song and practice shaking hands with right hand. (Track 5 on CD).
- Sing days of the week song.
- Sing months of the year song.
- Practice cross marching.
- Review number flash cards (0-5).
- Count to 1.

2. LETTER EXPLORATION

- Sing "Elmo the Elephant" and identify objects that begin with /e/. (Track 7 on CD.)
- Introduce the vertical and horizontal wood pieces.
- Demonstrate with the wood pieces how to form the letter E.
- Build the letter E.

3. BIBLE

- Read Jonah 3:3.
- Discuss the story of Jonah & the Big Fish.

4. MATH

- Sing the "Three" song.
- Identify & count the numbers 1-3.

5. CENTERS

- Blocks
- Puzzles
- Home
- Reading
- Explore Table Toys



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