

PRE SCHOOL



VISION AND PURPOSE

The PreSchool seeks to partner with parents as they begin training the habits and affections of their youngest learners. We see this PreSchool year as a distinct opportunity to allow children time to experience wonder, revel in creative play, and deepen their natural curiosity, all while providing for these young learners a comfortable structure through which they will begin preparing their minds and bodies for school. Through structured and play-based activities, children will be exposed to math, science, and language/literacy concepts. Music, singing, and movement activities are also of great importance as they add a joyful dimension to daily activities and serve as a great mnemonic device.

GOALS

Spiritual

PreSchool students spend a portion of each day in their own Children's Chapel. Children's Chapel is a special time where our PreSchool students praise God and practice morning liturgies. Chapel includes Bible stories, scripture, songs, and 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 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.

Class Sections 1-2

Students per Class 14

Student to Teacher Ratio 14:2

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).

PreSchool Guidelines

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

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 Children's Chapel, Veritas ROCKS, a winter Daddy-Daughter Dance, and an annual Food Drive.

Community Connections

Opportunities for Grammar School students to connect to the entire community include Adopt a School of Rhetoric Athlete, 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



CORE CLASSES

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.

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.

DAILY SCHEDULE 8:20AM – 2PM, WITH AN OPTIONAL ELECTIVE UNTIL 3PM

Directed Play – 30 minutes	Snack – 15 minutes	Rest time – 45 minutes
Morning Meeting – 15 minutes	Outdoor Exploration – 60 minutes	Center Exploration – 45 minutes
ELF Movement – 15 minutes	Lunch – 30 minutes	Music & Movement – 15 minute
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.

TRADITIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Veritas ROCKS

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.

Presentations

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.

