

Elementary School Pre-K - Fifth

Fellowship Christian School is committed to creating an environment in which we challenge the minds and cultivate the hearts of students by instilling knowledge and character to prepare them to apply God's truth in all areas of life. As a covenant school, Fellowship admits academically qualified students who are children of committed believers, and actively involved in evangelical churches. Our teachers are committed Christ-followers with a passionate dedication to their calling and a strong desire to mold and shape young people at the beginning of their educational and spiritual journeys.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

PRE-K: This half-day program is developmental and child-centered. Modeled after our kindergarten program, it is designed to meet the needs of the individual student. With a focus on pre-writing and pre-reading skills, students are given a variety of opportunities to stimulate learning and to promote creativity. We emphasize a manipulative approach to learning with many "senses rich" experiences. These experiences, as well as a carefully thought through curriculum, serve to strengthen academics, fine motor and gross motor skills.

Biblical integration takes place throughout our day, and age appropriate scripture memory coincides with our various units of study.

Library time and chapel serve to enrich our weekly schedule. Pre-K students also attend art, computer, music, physical education and Spanish classes.

Fellowship's Pre-K program has received an exemption from the state's license requirements. This program is not licensed, nor required to be licensed, by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. Our Pre-K program has received full accreditation from the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

KINDERGARTEN: Our half-day program is developmental and child-centered. The learning environment is designed to meet the needs of the individual student. Students are given developmentally appropriate choices designed to meet a variety of learning styles and modalities in centers involving small group instruction in both language arts and math. Our curriculum emphasizes a manipulative approach so that children can see, feel and explore with many "hands-on" experiences.

In our kindergarten classrooms, the foundation for success in reading, writing and language arts is laid with

basic decoding, phonics and vocabulary building skills. Patterning, weighing, measuring, basic problem solving, counting and studying graphs are some of the components to our "hands-on" mathematics approach. Bible is taught and integrated each day in creative and interactive ways using age-appropriate scripture memory and a character trait curriculum based on biblical principals.

Art, computer, music, physical education and Spanish are also integral parts of this well-rounded educational program.

Our full-day program was designed in an effort to meet the needs of our families who need a full-day option for their children. The entire kindergarten scope and sequence is met in the morning for both half-day and full-day kindergarten programs. Our full-day program will also include lunch, rest-time, an additional recess and developmentally appropriate enrichment activities based on a current unit of study. In addition to the half-day electives, the full-day program will also include library time.

GRADES PRE-1st - 5th: Academic excellence at FCS continues in the elementary school as students receive a crucial foundation for the college-preparatory courses offered in the upper schools. In grades Pre-1st - 5th, the core curriculum includes Bible, language, math, phonics, reading, science, social studies and writing. Learning is kept fresh and exciting through our hands-on and differentiated approach in all subjects. The classroom environment fosters an interactive program that utilizes learning centers, science experiments, math projects, and novel studies. The students' core curriculum is enhanced by motivating instruction in art, computer, music, physical education and Spanish. Biblical truth is integrated into all subjects with the desire for each student to understand that God's Word is relevant to every aspect of his or her life.

Standardized Tests: Students in grades Pre-1st through 5th are given national standardized tests annually. Our students consistently score above national norms.

Off-site Learning Opportunities: To augment classroom instruction, students have the opportunity to participate in many field trips throughout the year and experience the great cultural and educational programs offered in the metro-Atlanta area.

ATHLETICS

Elementary students may participate in co-ed intramural soccer, basketball, baseball and flag football coached by volunteer parents.