

Everything You Wanted to Know About KINDERGARTEN!



Q: What types of kindergarten programs exist at Valley Christian Academy?

A: Our intermediate schedule program begins first quarter with MWF mornings along with T & R full days. Each quarter another half day is added with fourth quarter becoming full-day. Our full-day program takes place from 8:30AM to 3:00PM every day.

Q: What should my child wear to VCA?

A: Students are required to follow dress code guidelines for the school year. Beside the offices is the area to find clothes donated by families after their children have outgrown their uniforms. Kindergarten students do not need to wear belts and do not change for physical education class.

Q: What about transportation to and from school?

A: VCA does not transport any of its own students. About three-quarters of the VCA families take advantage of the public school bussing offered in their local communities. There is also a good networking of car-pooling among parents. For bussing information, check directly with your local district to determine pick-up and drop-off times and locations for your child.

Q: Do you have snack time?

A: Everyday, kindergarten students have snack. Parents provide one classroom healthy snack per month. (Fruit, granola bars, crackers, etc.) The teacher determines the time throughout the day for snack.

Q: What's for lunch?

A: Students order their lunches in the morning while in the classroom. What your child orders will be billed directly to you on your statement from the VCA business office. Orders are e-mailed to the cafeteria, and then sent to the Business Office for billing.

Q: What can your child order?

A: The VCA Lunch Menu is posted monthly on our Resource Page of our website (<http://www.valleychristian.com>).

Q: What can a parent do to help at home?

A: At home, please read to your child nightly! Help your child get organized for school, perhaps the night before. Make sure your child has lots of sleep, especially at the beginning of the school year. Most five-year-old children need at least 10 hours of sleep per night. Breakfast is important if your child is to be an efficient learner. Review the material that comes home in your child's folder nightly.

Q: Do VCA kindergartners have a "nap time?"

A: No.

Q: What should my child know when they start VCA?

A: The more familiar your child is with letter names and sounds, the better prepared he will be. Please work with your child on upper and lower case letters. Your child should be familiar with numbers up to 20. Your child

should be able to work on an activity for 10-15 minutes. Students should be able to listen to a story. They should be able to identify and write their names. Students should be able to interact in a group setting. Students should be comfortable away from you for a period of time.

Q: What is a typical day in kindergarten?

A: In our kindergarten classrooms, we emphasize the amount of time children have to use their hands. Kindergarten is a place where children are actively involved in the learning in the classroom. Because of the unique quality of children this age, the focus of our objectives for kindergarten will be through hands-on lessons, manipulative-based activities, and interactive games.

A typical day in kindergarten will consist of large-group, small-group, and individual activities. The day is filled with a diverse group of activities that allow the children to work for a period of time and then relax. There is recess every day, one special (Art, Physical Education, Library, or Music), and computer time.