

WILMINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

What is a day like in the life of a kindergartner?

Drop off begins at 7:45 am (7:15 am if enrolled in the extended day program). Children enrolled in the before care program or arriving at 7:45 am will line up in the gym in their grade number line. Mrs. Davis will pick up the students and walk them to the classroom. All other students arriving afterward will head straight to the classroom. Teachers will be stationed outside and inside to help direct children to the correct room until students become familiar with the routine.

Once inside the classroom, students hang up their coats, unpack, and wash their hands. Each day begins with a half-hour of fine motor skills practice at their tables. Children can explore many different manipulatives, including Legos, Magna-Tiles, tangrams, beads, and more! They can build, make patterns, and use their imaginations to create. Next, students move to the carpet for a morning meeting. Mrs. Davis leads the Pledge to the American Flag, the Christian Flag, and the Pledge to the Bible. She reviews the calendar, weather, and special holidays. This time may also include a review of what they have been learning.

After the morning meeting, students prepare for some outdoor recess. Kindergartners enjoy a fifteen-minute break outside on the “big playground,” located behind the cafeteria. We try our best to have

students outside getting fresh air whenever possible. During colder months, children may play outside if the temperature, including wind chill, is 32 degrees or above. If the temperature is 20-31 degrees, they may play outside for no longer than 20-30 minutes. It isn't until temperatures or wind chill temperatures dip below 20 degrees that students remain inside for recess. Students have many play choices in the classroom, and when the gym is open, the children can let out some energy there! After recess, the children wash their hands and get ready for snack time at their seats.

The morning continues with math, language, story, or music time and one of their “specials.” This would be art, physical education, music, library, or computer science.

Math is taught with students at the tables. After Mrs. Davis introduces the learning objectives, she utilizes the dry erase board and smartboard, hands-on manipulatives, and seatwork. She incorporates a variety of learning styles to meet the needs of her students best.

Children then transition to the carpet for language arts. Mrs. Davis starts with a story using a big book, introduces the new unit or lesson, goes over the letter of the week or day, and even includes



sight word songs and dances into this time.

Next, Mrs. Davis incorporates music, stories, or a brain break before getting ready to go outside for a thirty-minute recess. After recess, the children go straight into the cafeteria for lunch. Following lunch is a short “working” rest time. Children have an opportunity to rest on a mat; however, most head to their table and unwind with a book or to color and draw. Lights are turned off, and relaxing music is played.

Students finish the day with handwriting, Bible, and either centers or science.

Handwriting Without Tears is our writing program. It uses interactive lessons on the smartboard and magnetic tiles to form letters. Students also use “air writing” and a workbook to practice forming letters. Even an app can be downloaded on your smart device that coincides with the curriculum!

During Bible, children listen to a Bible story and connect personally with the lesson. Students

explore what it means to be Christ-like to grow into Godly influencers.

Center time is always a highlight of the day for a kindergartner. You will find artists painting on the easel, authors busy in the writing center, and plenty of other activities such as puzzles, dramatic play, math, and building – creativity at its best!

If you visit during science class, you may see children counting pumpkin seeds, drawing the life cycle of an insect, or chicks hatching in their cage. Science is always an exciting time to explore.

Mrs. Davis wraps up the day, and dismissal begins at 2:45 pm. The students wait in their classroom until their car number is called. Fifth-grade safeties escort the children outside to their cars. There is always a lot of learning and fun in kindergarten!



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