

Kindergarten Program

School Year Program



Age Requirement 5 years old by September 1

Our Kindergarten Program fosters social-emotional and academic skills, including reading, writing and critical thinking abilities, through real-life experiences inspired by children's interests. Our highly qualified teachers respond to individual children's needs and provide a solid educational foundation with a balance of guided and free play. Our SCALE Curriculum supports children's natural drive for learning in a literacy-rich environment that empowers children to be confident and successful readers and lifelong learners.

SCALE Curriculum:

Spiritual and Social-Emotional Learning

Our nurturing, Christian environment fosters the development of social-emotional skills necessary for academic success and lifelong learning.

Children learn negotiation, conflict-resolution, and self-regulation skills through daily choices and respectful interactions with peers and teachers.

Communication for Learning

Teachers encourage children to ask and answer questions to obtain information, to build from others' ideas, and to make personal connections and observations.

Children develop literacy skills through independent and teacher-led reading, phonological awareness, singing and purposeful writing opportunities (e.g., personal notes or stories).

Teachers encourage children to use their home language at school.

Artistic Endeavors in Learning

Children express what they know and represent their ideas using a variety of art media, music, drama, and construction materials.

Teachers provide open-ended environments, materials and ample time to encourage imaginative play, creative expression and problem-solving skills.

Lifestyle and Learning

Teachers engage children in large group games and free play promoting cooperation, team-building and gross motor skills.

Children develop fine motor skills through manipulation of various materials such as playdough, blocks, puzzles writing and drawing tools.

Children learn to make healthy food choices and develop proper hygiene habits and self-help skills.

Exploration and Learning

Teachers provide hands-on activities for children to develop math vocabulary and concepts, such as numbers and operations, measurement, geometry and patterning.

Children learn scientific concepts through observing and caring for living things, predicting the weather, experimenting with gravity, and explaining the outcomes of their investigations.

Children learn to compromise and respect the opinions of others through voting, creating classroom rules and other decision-making.

program highlights

Implementing The Project Approach

Incorporating an interactive Smartboard to enhance children's learning

Promoting Christian values through daily Jesus time and bi-weekly chapel

Utilizing Concordia University Chicago's campus for learning opportunities, project work and physical exercise

Collaborating with Concordia University Chicago professors and students

Ongoing portfolio assessment documents children's progress



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Program time/days 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. / M-F

Options available for: Before School Care (BSC) from 7:30 - 9 a.m. and After School Care (ASC) from 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Class size Program is limited to 20 children with a ratio of 1:12.

Meals served Lunch (Kindergarten); breakfast (BSC) and snack (ASC)