

Dear Parents,

We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child's educational training. We look forward to partnering with your family to provide a quality Christ-centered classroom environment, in which your child will be nurtured for academic and spiritual growth. Our kindergarten faculty has provided the following overall distinctive elements and readiness areas which we hope will be beneficial for children entering our program. Please contact our school office if you have any questions.

Kingdom Education

Bay Area Christian School exists to provide Kingdom Education to the next generation, leading them to Christ, building them up in Christ, equipping them to serve Christ and empowering them to make disciples of Jesus at home, in society, and through the church.

Overall Distinctive Elements

Curriculum: The BJU Press Early Childhood materials help develop a foundation in Bible, science, heritage studies, handwriting, phonics, and reading which are needed for the later grades. Daily activities provide the essential elements in phonemic awareness, reading strategies, listening, and speaking. Both teacher-guided and independent discovery-based activities are used.

Math: BJU math equips students to master fundamental skills through hands-on manipulatives and sequential teaching that lead students from a concrete to an abstract understanding of mathematics for the purpose of solving problems within the context of a biblical worldview. *K5 Math* builds a strong foundations of number sense; introduces addition, subtraction, solving word problems, measurement, time, calendar, and shapes; and includes STEM instruction and money concepts (BJU Press, 2025 Catalog).

Specials: Art, music, P.E., and library

Field Trips: Christmas tree farm, Nutcracker performance, and Stevenson Park

Other: Numerous events and celebrations are planned for families to build community and friendships with one another.

Achievement Testing

Kindergarteners do not take a standardized test in the spring but teachers use formative assessment to determine student progress.

Summer Suggestions

- Read *Bob Books* by Bobby Lynn Maslen
- Read nursery rhymes and fairy tales
- Read decodable readers
- Read Brave Books and other wholesome books

Readiness Areas



Colors, Shapes, Numbers and Time

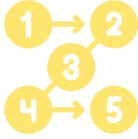
- Identify basic shapes: triangles, circles, squares, and rectangles
- Recognize numbers
- Count to ten
- Count objects
- Understand day and night
- Know age and birthday



Reading Readiness

- Repeat a 6-8 word sentence
- Identify letters and sounds of the alphabet (upper and lower case)
- Recognize own first name in writing
- Print first name correctly
- Pretend to read (has been read to often)
- Answer questions about a short story
- Look at pictures and tell a story
- Understand words are read from left to right
- Recite some nursery rhymes
- Define simple words





Listening and Sequencing

- Follow simple directions
- Pay attention
- Retell a simple story in sequence
- Repeat a sequence of sounds/numbers



Social and Emotional

- Express self verbally
- Identify other children by name
- Share with others
- Get along with others
- Maintain self-control
- Look forward to going to school
- Recognize authority
- Help with family chores
- Take care of toilet needs independently
- Care for own belongings
- Put toys away
- Eat lunch with minimal assistance
- Dress self and brush teeth
- Can be away from parents 4-6 hours
- Can lose a game gracefully



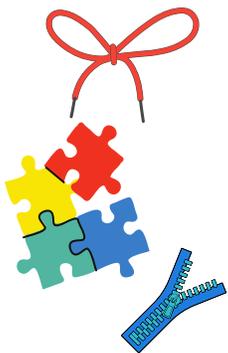
My Child Knows

- Own first and last name
- Parents' names
- Address and phone number
- When and how to use a tissue
- Own gender and parts of the body



Know Size, Position and Direction

- Examples: big and little, long and short, up and down, in and out, front and back, over and under, hot and cold, empty and full, more and less, fast and slow, top and bottom



Motor Skills

- Run, skip, march, jump, hop
- Walk a straight line
- Navigate stairs using alternate feet
- Stand on one foot for ten seconds
- Walk backwards for five feet
- Throw a ball
- Clap hands
- Is learning how to tie shoes
- Button clothes
- Zip clothes
- Build with blocks
- Complete a simple five piece puzzle
- Draw or color beyond a simple scribble
- Control pencil and crayon well
- Paste a picture on paper
- Handle scissors
- Cut and draw simple shapes

