

## **1 Thess. 5:11**

***“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up...”***

At CLA, VPK students are provided high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for Kindergarten in all five developmental domains: approaches to play and learning, emotional and social development, health and physical development, language development and communication, and cognitive development. VPK also teaches student moral and behavioral standards; which aids them in learning to communicate effectively with their peers. The best part about VPK is that we accomplish all of these tasks by having fun!



### **Jennifer Yoshioka**

Ms. Yoshioka graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Reading and also holds a National Child Development Certification. She has been a teacher at CLA since 2014 and has 5 children who all attend CLA. Her favorite part about teaching at CLA is that she gets to watch and guide the children as they grow physically, cognitively and spiritually.



### **Laura Freeland**

Mrs. Freeland loves children and has a passion for teaching them, encouraging them, and helping them grow spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, as well as helping them develop new social and creative skills. Mrs. Freeland has spent the last seventeen years as a classroom teacher in both public and private school settings and three years as a Special Area/Resource teacher. She has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education as well as certification in Primary Education and ESOL instructional methods. She is married with 3 children.

## **BIBLE & MEMORY VERSES**

VPK begins the year with creation, a few Old Testament stories, and then moves onto the New Testament for the remainder of the year. We also memorize numerous Bible verses over the course of the year. The goal is to hide His word in our hearts to recall when needed.

## **PHONICS**

Students learn to read by using phonics. The students begin by mastering the vowels and consonants and their sound through enjoyable and fun teaching methods. Forming blends and reading simple words comes naturally after that.

## **MATH**

Counting, number recognition, shapes, position and patterns are the featured topics in VPK. The organization, cognitive guided instruction, peace and differentiated learning prepares the students for Kindergarten.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

VPK students learn about our community and all the people who help our community work together.

## **HANDWRITING**

Our material and teaching strategies make learning a positive, successful experience for children in just 15 minutes a day. We will help your student build strong fine motor and printing skills for writing letters, words, and sentences.

## **SCIENCE**

Students learn science through active involvement in the learning process; that is, through hands on experiences. Science provides the answers to many of the questions that young children ask, such as “Why is the sky blue?” and “What makes the colors in a rainbow?” As young children discover the world around them, the more they will learn about and develop a thirst for science. It perfectly complements a child’s natural curiosity.