

Mark 10:14

"He said to them, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these..."

The two-year-old class at CLA explores, learns and grows all while having fun playing! We use hands on learning coupled with differentiation to make learning enjoyable for each student.

**Keren Stevens**

CLA's K2 teacher, Keren Stevens, started teaching preschool in 2014 and then at CLA in 2017. She has a DCF staff credential and an Associate's degree from Tallahassee Community College. She has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education online at Liberty University and hopes to also complete her Master's. Keren is passionate about preschoolers learning the Gospel, and desires for each student to reach their potential. Keren is also a dance teacher and enjoys dancing as a way to worship.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

BIBLE

Bible stories are introduced by teaching God as Creator and Jesus as a baby, Shepherd, and Savior. They learn how to pray, worship and love others. Students will learn memory verses, songs and fingerplays to support the Bible stories.

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

At this age, language and literacy can be developed through dramatic play, singing, finger play, and movement to teach children rhyme. We work to expose children to literature to foster a love of reading, build vocabulary, and learn how books work.

READING & WRITING READINESS

In preschool, we use music, movement and multisensory manipulatives to teach readiness skills. We imitate the act of writing by creating drawings and symbolic markings by using crayons, paint, water, etc. that represent their thoughts and ideas.

MATH READINESS

We use manipulatives, music, and rhymes to teach counting, colors, shapes, patterning, matching, sorting, and problem solving. Using hands on material makes math concepts real and meaningful to the children.

MOTOR SKILLS

In preschool, we work on developing both fine and gross motor skills. Working on gross motor skills involves developing the muscles that help us jump, hop run, catch a ball and balance! Working on fine motor skills means we are practicing motions like pinching, zipping, stringing, cutting, rolling playdoh and more to get our hands ready for writing as we get bigger!

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the preschool years, students have ample opportunity to grow in social and emotional development. Children learn to play together, obey simple rules, develop conversation skills, participate in group activities, and take pride in themselves and others.

INDEPENDENCE SKILLS

Learning to do things by themselves is hard and rewarding as a preschooler. We help them to have pride in their accomplishments as we work with them on things like making choices, potty training and independence in the restroom, and much more.