

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 three-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.



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Mrs. Boccaccio's love for working with children started in the summer of 1985, where she was co-director with her husband at a children's camp in Vermont. Mrs. Boccaccio has continued working with camps, schools & churches across the USA from then until now, receiving as many blessings as given. She received her Child Development Certification in 2008 and has been a part of the CLA staff for since 2014. Her favorite part about being a teacher at CLA is the ability to freely teach about all that Jesus offers His children.

“Every single life and every single child is a reward and blessing.”

3 John 1:4

BIBLE

Students begin to develop an understanding of the overall narrative of the Bible by reading through the Bible cover to cover, in stories.

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

At this age, language and literacy can be developed through dramatic play, singing, finger plays, and movement to teach children rhyme and to clap syllables. Exposing 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 all the core readiness skills including crayon grip, letter and number recognition, number and capital letter formation, and body awareness.

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, in others and in the classroom.

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 putting on their jacket, putting shoes on, making choices, and much more.