

Academics | The Day in the Life of Pre-Kindergarten

Chapel: Every Wednesday, elementary students meet for a time of worship. Students sing worship songs and listen to a short message from God's Word. Once a month during chapel, two elementary students from each grade are recognized for character traits. Teachers recognize students whose behavior has shown evidence of the monthly character traits.

Bible: In Pre-K, we love to saturate students with God's Word, not only through weekly Bible stories that highlight obedience and God's unfailing love, but also in everyday life. Biblical principles and values are integrated and reinforced in all subjects throughout the day.

Prayer: Students have many opportunities to pray throughout the day. They are taught to pray by offering praise and thanksgiving, as well as praying for their own needs and the needs of others.

Language Arts Concepts: Letter recognition, phonemic awareness, phonics, reading readiness, handwriting, journal drawing and writing are introduced, reviewed, and reinforced with a mixture of seatwork and lots of fun, hands-on activities. *

Math Concepts: Many math concepts are introduced and reinforced throughout the year. These concepts include number recognition, one-to-one correspondence for numbers 1-20, patterning, sequencing, sorting and classification of objects, spatial relationships, simple addition and subtraction, ordinal numbers, and the identification of shapes and colors. Telling time to the hour and money concepts are also introduced to Pre-K students. *

Social Development/Centers: We know that an important aspect of any child's development includes play. Therefore, our center activities are focused to help teach necessary social/emotional skills through teamwork, sharing, problem solving, loving, and encouraging one another.

Social Studies and Science Concepts: We design activities to complement the theme of the week and reinforce concepts being taught. We do a variety of science experiments and even take virtual field trips to see some of the places and people we are learning about throughout the year.

Specials: Every school day students will attend at least one of the following: physical education, music, art, computer, library, or Impact Education.

Spanish: Students attend Spanish class for 30 minutes each week.

Impact Education: Pre-kindergarten students learn to pray for a specific people group each week that begins with the letter of the week. They pray that these people would soon be able to have a Bible in their own language and missionaries to teach them God's Word.

Lunch: SCA has a full-service cafeteria where elementary students may either bring their lunch or purchase a hot lunch that is prepared on-site.

Recess: Pre-K has a minimum of 30 minutes of recess a day.

Special Events: Some special Pre-K events include weekly show and tell, fun "theme" days such as Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal, Western Week, Splash Day, and Community Helpers Week when we enjoy visits from local policemen and the local fire department. Parents are also encouraged to come and share about their occupations with the class.

Service Projects: Through SCA's Summit Serves program, Pre-K students collect items to place in gift baskets for families staying at the Ronald McDonald house. At Christmas time, Pre-K students celebrate a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party. As students rejoice in the birth of our Savior, they also enjoy unwrapping baby gift they have brought to share with a local crisis center. Pre-K students also collect coins they have earned from doing chores at home. The coins are saved in baby bottles and are donated to the crisis center.

*It is important to note that children entering Pre-K are developing at different rates and therefore, are at different places in their learning. We strive to meet each child on his/her level and to continue to challenge and grow that child as he/she develops. We do this by creating an enriched environment that differentiates between different learning styles and developmental time clocks.