

# West Valley Christian Academy

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## Dear Parents,

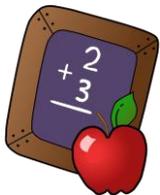
This letter will give you an overview of the kindergarten program offered at WVCA. It is lots of fun, but also a big challenge as we explore God's world together. Let's begin by looking into the different areas of learning that will take place. There is a lot more information; however we send home lots of communication and a weekly newsletter to keep all of our parents up to date on what's happening.

Sincerely,  
W.V.C.A. Kindergarten Teacher



**God** He's our starting place each day. We lay our requests, our hopes, and our thanks before Him at the start of each morning and go on from there. The children will not only memorize scripture from the Bible each week, but there will be an explanation of the scripture that is taught so that the children can apply it to their modern-day lives. They will learn to talk to God in a comfortable way and be made to understand that God is always there for them and that He loves them very much.

**Phonics & Reading** Yes, your child will be able to read when he or she leaves kindergarten, but we want you to realize that it is a very structured learning process for them. First, they will learn all of their vowels and the different sounds they make during the first six weeks. Then we get into consonants and consonant blends around November. We follow with one vowel words, the two vowel words and on into sentences and short stories. The final outcome is always amazing. In the second and third trimester, the children illustrate the words and sentences they have printed. It sounds difficult, but we try to make kindergarten a lot of fun. We also encourage the use of the A Beka Summer Reading Program.



**Numbers** At the beginning of the year we work on number recognition 1-20. Then we learn Families and the father of each set of 10's up to 100. The children will learn to recognize and count numbers up to 100 and be working on addition facts up to 10 by the end of the year. They will learn and work with shapes, patterns, comparisons, order, coins, time and values using manipulatives.

**Science** Now this is a great subject! We will be doing lots of hands on experimenting and studying the world around us. We love to do things together in the classroom that you can also do at home. We supplement our A Beka curriculum with lots of outside sources. Kindergarten students learn about God's plan for seeds, animals, the seashore, health, weather, and seasons.



**Writing with Phonics** Students learn to write the letter as they learn what sound the letters say.



"Houses" help students remember where each letter "lives". They will learn to write blends and words learned in phonics, as well as, capital letters, phrases and sentences.

**Poetry** Poetry appreciation begins in kindergarten with over sixteen favorite children's poems. Topics include God, animals, family, seasons, holiday, weather, familiar objects and childhood thoughts.



**Social Studies** Children develop patriotism as they learn about our countries heritage; its great leaders and moments. A large 12 ½' x 15" full color social studies book is a delightful introduction to map study. They will also learn about community helpers and children of the world through the year.

**Character Development** Children learn the importance of being responsible, respectful, courteous, polite, cheerful and unselfish. There are also monthly Cougar Traits that are taught at WVCA, you can find them in the WVCA Newsletter.



**Readiness Skills** Students practice and learn motor coordination (coloring, cutting, etc.), following directions, visual discrimination, listening and thinking skills and character development through a wide variety of activities.



**Creative Playtime & Music** A very important part of the day is when the children have "free" play. There are various activity centers and themes that help stimulate each child's personality and creativity. Recess is always a fun time as well. Music is also a part of our day, with a seasonal performance during the school year.



**Art** All Kindergarten teachers have art and special projects in the classroom, which encourage the child's creativity. We give general directions; lay out the materials, and then go to work. Believe me, we have no copycats, but there certainly is a lot for each family to look at during the year. You'll love it! Cherish these young years as they learn to explore all of God's mediums of creation and creativity.

**Physical Education (P.E.) / Health** Our physical education and health program includes the CATCH program, Dairy Council of California and Project Fit America. During the Dairy Council of California curriculum the children are able to use a computer program to reinforce the nutritional information they have learned through the CATCH program. Physical Education is taught four days a week and health is taught on Wednesdays.



**Special Events** It is both a fun time and a learning time for the children. We send home newsletters weekly and will keep you informed. Special Events: Dental Hygienist, Community Helpers, Dairy Council of California (Dairy Cow) and a bug exploration exhibit. Special events are subject to change year to year and may include more than those listed.