

5 YEAR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Our kindergarten class is for children who are being prepared to enter first grade. Students must be five years old by September 1 to enter kindergarten.

Our curriculum is based on Common Core/ GA Performance standards (CCGPS), supplemented with the following readiness curriculum in the areas of language arts, math, and handwriting; this curriculum is presented in an age-appropriate, fun-filled, child-centered way.

Literature: Story Town
 Houghton-Mifflin Company

Math Readiness: KinderMath by Tara West

Handwriting: Handwriting Without Tears

Creative writing, art, health, science, and social studies are also included in our curriculum. All are taught in a hands-on, experience-based method.

Learning centers, art, drama, learning games and hands-on activities are important in our approach. The alphabet is presented in great depth both visually and phonetically, and the children continue learning to write the letters of the alphabet. Music and Creative Movement classes are a part of the regular curriculum and are taught by staff who are trained in these areas.

The children attend Chapel twice a month in the church sanctuary. Parents are encouraged to join us for this time of learning more about God through a message, singing, and prayer. The class goes on two field trips each year. Community resource people visit during the year, such as firefighters and a dentist. We also offer four or five performances here at the school (storytellers, puppet shows, music shows, etc.).

Our Kindergarten students learn in an atmosphere of love and caring within a Christian setting. Our class is small enough that students receive individualized attention and instruction from a full-time teacher and a full-time assistant. Our program provides a nurturing atmosphere in which a 5-year-old may learn, grow and mature as s/he prepares to meet the challenges of first grade and excel in a larger class and school environment. We hope your child will be a part of the Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten family

PROGRAM GOALS 5 YEAR KINDERGARTEN

1. To provide a nurturing, relaxed environment with caring adults where self-concepts are enhanced, independence is encouraged, free choice decisions are offered, social skills are acquired, and individuality is respected and accepted.
2. To provide time which children can spend with their friends in a range of different satisfying activities such as art, science, geography, cooking, music and movement, drama, language arts, large and small motor development, and math readiness and concepts.
3. To provide the children with opportunities to work on a variety of skills which increase their

interest in and control over their environment.

4. To provide for each child's physical well-being while in our care.
5. To provide opportunities to develop large motor skills and coordination through physically active play and creative movement.
6. To develop in the children an active curiosity about the world in which they live and an enthusiasm for learning which stimulates their creativity.
7. To help the child gain self-discipline in an environment where each child is aware of limits and expectations.
8. To develop in each child an appreciation for our world, the people around us, and all of God's creation.
9. To provide an atmosphere in the classroom which promotes respect for others and materials and fosters a love of learning.
10. To work with parents, as partners, in reaching our goals.
11. To develop the ability to solve problems and make decisions through active involvement in the learning process.
12. To develop critical listening skills and practice following directions.
13. To follow the DeKalb County School Curriculum and Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards in most areas of academic development.
14. To prepare students for the academic challenges of first grade.