

Quentin Road Christian

Kindergarten





2012 – 2013
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Kindergarten Program

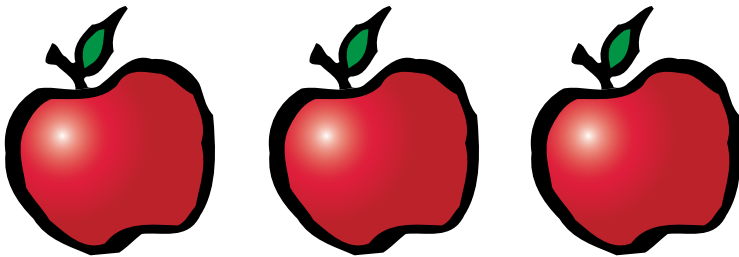
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Kindergarten Reading Readiness Program

It has been said that a child's overall success in school, and later in life, is directly related to his or her success in reading. This group of skills includes: basic vocabulary, verbal expression, awareness of letters, sentence sense, story comprehension and story telling, awareness of books and printed words, and related writing readiness skills, all of which contribute to a successful start in reading.

Our Kindergarten program is designed to develop basic skills which prepare a child to be ready to learn to read. It is a program based on a complete scope and sequence of concepts and skills needed to prepare a child to be ready to read.

One of the tools we will be using in Kindergarten is the PACE system. PACES are workbooks which cover three different core subjects: Math, English, and Science. (Social Studies is covered in thematic units throughout the year.) Through these PACES, the program uses basic sounds, familiar tunes, and animal friends to bring the child to a desired level of preparedness. The foundation of a child's formal education begins in Kindergarten.



Getting Ready for School

The early years are a wonderful time—a special time for parents and children. It is a time that invites the sharing of meaningful experiences in a warm, supportive environment. It is a time to prepare your child for the exciting experience that is to come.

By planning ahead, using your imagination, creativity, and spending a small amount of time each day, you can open the door to the joy of learning and to a special relationship with your child.

Developing physical skills will help your child's readiness for reading. Large muscle development is needed for such things as holding a book; smaller muscle development is needed for holding a pencil or focusing the eyes on the printed page.

Listed below are some physical skills that are important for your child to be proficient in by the time he/she enters Kindergarten.

- Snap
- Buckle
- Button
- Tie
- Zip
- Color in lines
- Cut on the lines
- Dressing themselves
- Feeding themselves

Reading requires a high degree of visual skill, and you have many easy opportunities to help your child develop the ability to remember and differentiate between similar appearing objects. As your child learns to tell the difference

among pictures, shapes, colors, and specific details of objects, skills later useful in telling the difference between letters and shapes are being developed. As your child becomes older you can help him or her tell the difference between letters and words which reappear constantly.

Listed below are some basic learning skills that would be important for your child to be proficient in by the time he/she enters Kindergarten.

- Recognizes colors
- Recognizes shapes
- Can count up to 10
- Recognizes numerals 1-10
- Recognizes letters (uppercase and some lowercase)



Reading Readiness Program

English/Reading Readiness/ Skill Builders/Writing Skills

- Letter Recognition—upper and lower case
- Sound Recognition
- Demonstrate correct directionality of print (top/bottom; left/right)
- Story Comprehension
- Sequence a story (what happened first, second, third, and last)
- Auditory and Visual Memory
- Opposites
- Rhyming
- Speak in complete sentences
- Read common single syllable words
- Sight words
- Word Journal and Creative Journal
- Identify vowels and consonants
- Recite alphabet
- Discern sound placement
- Readmaster—computerized reading program designed to assist the student in comprehension mastery and reading fluency.

Math:

- Shapes
- Number Recognition 1–100
- Number Writing 1–100
- Basic Measurements
- Addition with digits #1–10
- Subtraction with digits #1–10
- Ordinal numbers
- Missing numbers (before, between, and after)
- Identify penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and one dollar bill
- Graphing

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- Introduction to fractions ($\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and whole)
- Educational computer games (Mathbuilder, Mathblaster)
- Time (on the hour and $\frac{1}{2}$ hour)

Science:

- Proper hygiene
- Seasons/proper dress for each
- Creation
- Colors and light
- Chemical reactions
- Digestive system
- Human heart
- Matter
- Volcanoes
- Plants—life cycle and parts of plants
- Animals and their habitats
- Dinosaurs and fossils
- Inertia
- Static electricity
- Four Food Groups
- Five senses
- Climate

Social Studies:

- Families—Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins
- Community Helpers
- Foreign Countries, Cultures, and Climates
- Presidents and basic government
- Early American History

Other Special Units:

- Christopher Columbus
- The 1st Thanksgiving
- George Washington and Abraham Lincoln

Music:

- Intro to ACE Kindergarten Letter Songs
- Develop an early appreciation for music
- Weekly music class
- High/Low
- Fast/Slow
- Soft/Loud
- Note and note values
 - Quarter notes
 - Rhythm patterns
 - $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and dotted $\frac{1}{8}$ notes
 - Triplet note
 - Whole note
- Note names
- Treble Clef
- Bass Clef
- Grand Staff
- Scales
- Sharps
- Vocal and Piano Glissando

Art:

- Color wheel
- Introduction to complimentary and contrasting colors
- Primary and Secondary colors
- Pointillism
- Mosaics
- Develop fine motor skills
- To gain an appreciation of art through a variety of art mediums



Physical Education:

- Perform a variety of locomotor movements: walking, sliding, galloping, running, skipping, leaping, and hopping
- Demonstrate simple physical developmental skills in relation to self (eye/foot, agility, cross pattern, hand/eye coordination)
- Perform a variety of skills manipulating a ball
- Execute games of low organization
- Weekly swimming
- Weekly physical education

Spanish:

- Weekly class
- Number words
- Color words
- Seasons
- Parts of the body
- Basic conversational Spanish

Special Weekly Activities:

- Swimming
- Computer Lab
- Readmaster
- Journaling (starts end of 2nd quarter)
 - Word Journal
 - Creative Journal

The concepts listed above are just a small sample of the concepts taught throughout the school year.

TIMES	KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE 2012–2013				
	CLASSROOM				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30–9:00	8:30 — SCHOOL BEGINS — 8:30				
Opening Exercises	Pledges, Calendar Time, Alphabet Songs, Presidents and Scripture Memory				
9:00–12:00	<u>New Letter Day</u>		<u>Even # Days: Show-n-Tell</u>		<u>Review Day</u>
Academic Activities*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Math Every 3 weeks test in English & Math
10:15-10:30 <i>Bathroom Break</i> *10:30-10:50 <i>Gym/Outdoor Break</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Academic Activities also include, but not limited to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Science, Social Studies, reading, writing, journaling, spelling, creative writing, computer lab, and an introduction to Spanish</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Breaks also include:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Computer Time, Recess, Playland, Indoor Playtime</p>				
12:00–12:45	Lunch				
12:45–1:00	Bathroom Break				
1:00–2:00	K1: Computer Lab 1:00-1:40 K2: Physical Education K3: Music	K1: Music K2: Computer Lab 1:00-1:40 K3: Storytime	K1: Rest Period K2: Rest Period K3: Physical Education	K1: 1:35 Swimming K2: 2:10 Storytime K3: 1:00 Swimming	K1: Physical Education K2: Music K3: Drama *Spanish*
2:00–3:00	K1: Drama *Spanish* K2: Science Projects K3: Computer Lab 2:20-3:00	K1: Science Projects K2: Drama *Spanish* K3: Art	K1: Storytime K2: Art K3: Rest Period	K1: Art K2: 2:10 Swimming K3: Science Projects	K1: Playtime K2: Playtime K3: Playtime ★ Prize Day

***Please note that schedule is subject to change

*Spanish begins 2nd Quarter.*Drama & Spanish will both be in that hour.

Kindergarten Theme Days



September – Backwards Day

October – Scarecrow Day

November – Pilgrim & Indian Day

December – Red & Green Day

January – Snowman Day

February – Presidents & Presidents' Wives Day

March – Favorite Animal Day

April – Sports Day

These days are meant to be fun.
Please encourage your child to be creative
and most importantly, to participate.

School Supply List

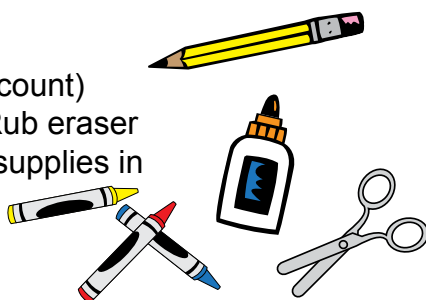
Bring to School Daily:

- Bag or backpack with child's name on the outside to transport papers
- Extra change of clothes including socks and underclothes

Supplies to be left at School:

The following items will be provided by the school:

- Thin #2 pencils
- Crayons (64 count)
- Safety scissors (Kid's Fiskars with metal blades)
- 6" ruler
- White glue stick
- Colored pencils (12 count)
- Large white Magic Rub eraser
- School box to keep supplies in
- King James Bible



Due by August 1st, 2012:

- State of Illinois Medical form filled out by doctor
- School Dental Examination form filled out by dentist
- State of Illinois Eye examination filled out by optometrist or physician

(Make your appointments early. Doctor appointments fill up close to the beginning of school.)

Kindergarten Rate Schedule 2012-2013 School Year

Open 6:30am. Close 6:00pm.

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM 6:30am–6:00pm
(Includes Before & After care & lunch) \$220.00 per week

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
(8:30am–3:00pm only, includes lunch) \$160.00 per week

HALF DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
(8:30am–12:00pm only) \$110.00 per week

Non-refundable Registration Fee (due with application)
\$75.00

Kindergarten Entrance Test \$20.00

Curriculum Pace Fee, school supplies and Bible
\$250.00
(Non-refundable after April 20th, 2012)

Kindergarten tuition is calculated over a period of 41 weeks. Tuition is due on a weekly basis as opposed to monthly or quarterly. This makes it less of a burden on your family. With this in mind, tuition is still due whether classes are in session or not. Kindergarten classes have a two week break at Christmas and a one week break in the spring, but the school is still open for child care. Tuition is due whether or not child care is needed, unless vacation credit approval is given two weeks prior.

Each student receives one week of vacation credit after each six months of continuous enrollment. Therefore, students attending from September to June will receive one week of vacation credit per year. Students attending for the summer only will not qualify for vacation credit. Once continuous enrollment ceases, any vacation credit accrued will be lost. The office must be notified in writing two weeks prior to the vacation taken. Vacation credit can only be used when your child is absent.

Note: The whole school is only closed for the ten major holidays: NEW YEAR'S EVE, NEW YEAR'S DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY, THANKSGIVING DAY, DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS EVE, and CHRISTMAS DAY. If the holiday is on the weekend, the day observed will be selected at the school's discretion. **Full tuition is charged for Holiday weeks.**



Our Mission Statement to you...

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We here at Quentin Road Christian Kindergarten are committed to providing for you and your family a warm, supportive environment. It has been said that the foundation of a child's formal education begins in kindergarten. Together, we assume the responsibility of building a firm foundation for your child. Our goal is to help each child come away from here with a good solid foundation and a love for learning.

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