

The Pre-Kindergarten program is a fun, positive year in the life of a four or five-year-old child. SCA offers a three-day and five-day Pre-Kindergarten program for students who will be at least four years old by September 1 of the current school year. The all-day class meets from 8:15 AM-2:50 PM. The half-day class meets in the morning from 8:15-11:30 AM.

During your child's time at SCA, they will have many opportunities not only in the classroom to develop socially, academically and spiritually but also through Specials. Specials is a time where your child will go to P.E, Music and Library for 20 minutes once a week. Special subject teachers help enforce what we teach in the classroom and provide foundational skills for each child. Each child will be involved in physical activities which include large and small muscle development as well as vestibular activities, coordination exercises, motion and movement games, and guided free time on the playground. Activities that enforce crossing the midline are implemented in our everyday routine and schedule. Your child will have many opportunities to grow spiritually by participating in Bible Buddies and our Pre-Kindergarten Chapel twice a month. Our Pre-Kindergarten mission is to maximize the God-given potential of each student, preparing them to live lives of distinction, by impacting the world for Jesus Christ.

### **BIBLE**

Using the Purposeful Design Curriculum, your pre-kindergartener will learn different Bible truths each week. During Bible, each student will be involved in prayer and praise, will memorize and recite memory verses, discover Bible stories with puppets, puzzles, felt stories and art. Our goal at SCA is for every pre-kindergartner to develop a Christian worldview that will lead and guide them to the understanding that our purpose in life is to love and serve God.

### **READING/WRITING**

Our program focuses on helping your pre-kindergartener develop and build a strong foundation for early literacy skills. During the school year, your child will be involved in many activities that will help foster and develop pre-reading and pre-writing skills. Once a week, students meet with the Librarian who reinforces PK themes through stories, songs and finger-plays. In addition, your pre-kindergartener will learn letter formation through the Spalding Curriculum. Your pre-kindergartener will also explore different learning centers throughout the day that will help build on language and literacy development.

### **MATH**

During math, your pre-kindergartener will be introduced to math concepts such as counting, number recognition, shapes, patterns, subitizing, measurement, spatial reasoning and will be able to explore addition and subtraction. Your pre-kindergartner will learn these concepts through teacher guided activities and student led learning centers. At SCA our goal is that every child will see God incorporated into our math program and will be able to cling on to Him for guidance and strength for a strong foundation in their future learning and understanding in math.

### **SCIENCE**

In Science, students will learn about physical science and life science by exploring God's creation through hands-on experiments, science centers and teacher-led learning activities. Our goal is that every child knows that every living and breathing thing has a purpose that has been designed by our Heavenly Father.

### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

During social studies, your pre-kindergartener will be introduced to 10 units that will help them explore family, friendships, community, safety, health, emotions and geography. Your pre-kindergartener will be able to discover these subject areas through story time, Bible time, hands-on activities, cooking, and ministry outreaches. Strong emphasis is also placed on the parent-teacher relationship to work together to make the year as exciting and challenging as possible for your child.

### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

The opportunity for parent participation will help the bonding between parent, child, and teacher. SCA's family atmosphere is very evident in our Pre-kindergarten program.

There are special events where extra parent involvement is needed. The various needs will be communicated throughout the year in newsletters. Every family will be given the opportunity to participate in activities during the year. Teamwork will ensure a successful Pre-kindergarten adventure!

### **KINDERGARTEN**

At Scottsdale Christian Academy, we offer all-day kindergarten classes. Students should be five years old by September 1 of the current school year. Exceptions will be considered based on readiness testing and upon the approval of the Principal and Administrator of Admissions.

The teachers plan together and use the same curriculum. All classes have Chapel twice a month first semester, and they join the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel once a week second semester. Kindergarten students have six Specials during the week: Library, Technology, Spanish, Music, Art, and PE.

### **AFTERCARE**

After-school care is available from 3:00-5:30 PM at an hourly rate. After-school care for Grades PK-5 is located in room 1206. To reach after-school care, please call 602.992.5100 x31206.