

# Kindergarten

at Immanuel Christian School

*Immanuel Christian School educates children to view themselves as unique creations of God, active learners within God's world and engaged members of their community.*

*Our goal in kindergarten is to build a firm foundation for growth in all areas of learning by exploring our environment through developmentally appropriate activities and interactions.*

## Christian Perspective

- Partner with parents in raising godly children
- Reveal God's character through Bible stories
- Build an action-filled Christian life through service to others

## Age-Appropriate Lessons

- Process-oriented learning
- Focus on natural learning through discovery
- Individual enrichment through hands-on activities
- Half-day morning program available with optional progression to full-day

## Balanced Literacy Program

- Daily use of children's literature
- Language exploration in a positive and supportive learning environment
- Introduction of phonics to build foundation of letter/sound association in preparation for reading and writing skills
- Interactive journaling as a basis for the writing process

## Integrated Curriculum

- Seamless transition of instruction
- Thematic connections between all subjects
- Participation in math, language arts, social studies and science
- Engagement in Bible, Spanish, library, music, physical education, art and technology classes

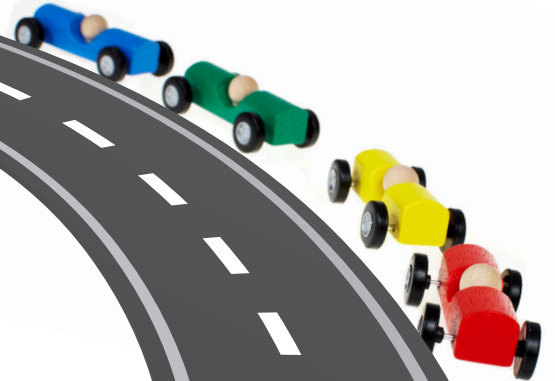


*Building a firm foundation for growth in faith and learning.*

*Luke 6:48*

# The Road to Kindergarten

The timeline below provides important steps to follow throughout the enrollment process.



## August

- Complete online forms
- Receive class assignments
- Attend *Meet & Greet*



## July

- Purchase school supplies
- Attend kindergarten playdates



## January - August

- Attend parent interview
  - Upon acceptance, tuition deposit required



## March

- Schedule student assessment (if needed)

## January - May

- Attend optional events:
- *Kindergarten Readiness Seminar*
  - *Just Around the Corner*



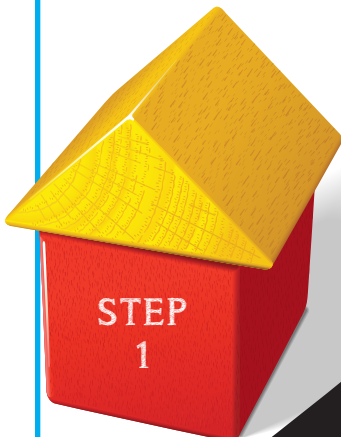
## October - March

- Complete online application
- Provide documentation



## October - February

- Attend *First Look Friday Admissions Preview Day*



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- Sean & Natalie Dudley  
ICS Parents

# Curriculum

To lay a foundation for a lifetime of learning, Immanuel Christian School emphasizes the development of the whole child. The philosophy behind our school's developmental approach to education views children as individuals with unique gifts, talents and abilities. The curriculum utilizes multi-sensory techniques to further ensure successful learning.

## Language Arts

Our language arts curriculum features instruction in context reading, writing and language development. We encourage children to practice developmentally appropriate skills to grow their ability to critique and evaluate the text.

### Grade Level Proficiencies include:

1. Identify all letters and know their corresponding sounds
2. Decode and write one-syllable words
3. Identify high frequency sight words
4. Use basic comprehension skills
5. Become aware of sounds in words by the use of inventive spelling during interactive journaling sessions
6. Write simple sentences using correct grammar and punctuation
7. Correct formation of upper and lowercase letters
8. Demonstrate left to right, top to bottom directionality and correct spacing when writing words and sentences

## Math

Mathematics at ICS is grounded in hands-on experiences in the classroom. Understanding the language of math will not only increase language acquisition but will help to master other math concepts or ideas. Therefore, kindergarten provides opportunities for age-appropriate mathematics that allow students to use new words and meanings in their immediate surroundings. Place value is one of these concepts emphasized as children begin to count and compare whole numbers. Some other math ideas explored are: symbols, number sentences, greater than and less than, time and geometry.

## Science

ICS kindergarten science is developed around the concept of the garden which is found in the school courtyard. The children learn to be good stewards of the earth as the outdoor space brings science to life. Through a worm nursery in each classroom, students discover how to care for God's creations. Children also learn how the changes of seasons, to include the water cycle, impact the garden.

## Social Studies

Friendship and teamwork are emphasized throughout the school year through various activities as kindergarteners develop a sense of self in relation to the community. Students weave biblical principles of the Fruit of the Spirit into their hands-on study of their community.

## Bible

Biblical integrations are woven throughout all areas of learning. Students learn through Bible stories that God has a plan and purpose for their lives. Students begin Bible verse memorization through songs, poems and choral reading.

## Specials

Children are given opportunities to develop through specialized classes in library, foreign language, physical education, technology and fine arts.

### Art

- Introduction to artists and art mediums
- Creativity and art appreciation encouraged

### Library

- Foster a love of reading through storytelling
- Learn basic library skills

### Music

- Introduction to choral music and orchestral instruments
- Students perform in an all-school program

### Physical Education

- Cooperative play and sportsmanship emphasized
- Games and activities enhance motor skills and endurance

### Spanish

- Learn vocabulary and develop listening and inference skills
- Hands-on activities

### Technology Education Center

- Weekly visits to technology center; computers in classrooms
- Active boards in all classrooms
- Projects designed to develop skills







"Teaching our child to guard her heart, as a fundamental piece of her foundation years, has been a powerful message to her and to our entire family." - Molley Regan, ICS Parent



"Our daughter can't wait to get to school each morning and we couldn't be more pleased with the loving, nurturing, Christ-centered environment at ICS."  
- Wendy Knox, ICS Parent

"It is impossible not to feel God's presence within the walls of ICS." - Amy Burgess, ICS Parent



"I love being part of a program that emphasizes childhood as a journey."  
- Marianne Booth, Kindergarten Teacher

"Since the first day of school, ICS has nurtured and cared for our daughter. We are truly blessed for the education she is receiving and the love given to her by the entire ICS family."  
- Marjorie Langweg, ICS Parent

"I love the supportive, creative and child-centered environment at ICS."  
- Danielle Gleason, Kindergarten Teacher



# Integrated Kindergarten Program

- Bible & devotions
- Literacy exploration
- Social studies
- Math
- Science
- Centers
- Library
- Spanish
- Technology
- Art
- Break & snack
- Outdoor recess #1
- Physical education
- Lunch
- Show & share\*
- Quiet time
- Exploration enrichment
- Outdoor recess #2
- Clean up

\* Completion of half-day morning program