

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 and the Fruit of the Spirit
- 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

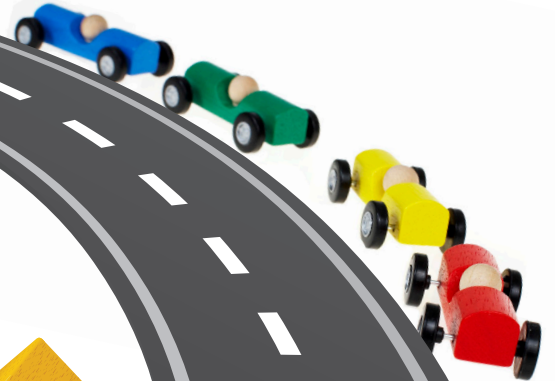
- Seamless transition of instruction
- Thematic connections between all subjects
- Participation in math, language arts, social studies, and science
- Engagement in Bible, Spanish, library, music, physical education, art, and technology classes



Building a firm foundation for growth in faith and learning.

The Road to Kindergarten

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



October - February

- Attend *Admissions Preview Event*



October - March

- Submit online application
- Provide supplemental documentation



February

- Attend *Just Around the Corner*



March

- Schedule student assessment (if needed)



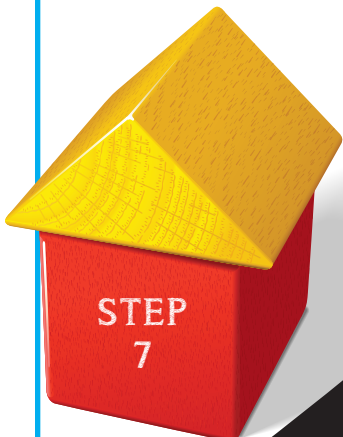
January - August

- Attend parent interview
- Upon acceptance, tuition deposit required



July

- Attend a kindergarten summer visit
- Purchase school supplies



August

- Complete online forms
- Receive class assignment
- Attend *Meet & Greet*
- School starts!

"Sending our daughter to kindergarten at ICS was not only one of the biggest encouragements I've received since becoming a parent, it was a magical year of wonder and learning in both the natural and spiritual world. I cannot imagine a year better filled with memories, fun, and friends than kindergarten at ICS!"

- Rebecca Ahrens,
Parent

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. Our fully accredited kindergarten program features three classrooms, each led by a certified teacher and experienced teaching assistant, offering an 8:1 student-teacher ratio and provides a nurturing and rigorous learning environment.

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 located 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, and 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

- Mobile laptop and iPad carts
- Active boards in all classrooms
- Projects designed to develop skills





"[Our daughter] is thriving...socially, academically, emotionally and spiritually...at ICS. It is clear that she is known and seen by her teacher. It has been a joy to watch her flourish since starting at ICS." - Kellen Bagnoli, Parent



"The kindergarten experience at ICS is a wonderful beginning to school life for our daughter. The loving acceptance and encouragement she receives from her teachers and other staff as well as reinforcement of Christian values will equip her well for the coming years."

- Dianne Hollis, Parent

"I love the creative, innovative, and child-centered environment at ICS."
- Melody Corrigan, Kindergarten Teacher



"I love being part of a program that puts the spiritual and developmental needs of the students first."

- Kim Hill, Kindergarten Teacher

"We are most pleased with the character-building that is clearly taking place in their classrooms. They are learning the Bible and how to be Christ-like."

- Rachel Weaver, Parent



"The emphasis on learning through play was one of the things most attractive about the program, and my child has loved all the hands on learning." - Danielle Peck, Parent



Integrated Kindergarten Schedule

- 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

* Half-day students depart