

Valley
Christian Academy

Kindergarten

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Welcome to Kindergarten!

Starting kindergarten is like opening a door to a whole new world of experiences and knowledge. Your child has grown and developed so much already, and now it is time for you to consider where he or she will attend kindergarten. You have an important decision to make, and we are here to help.

Your child has a promising future ahead, and we hope you will give us the opportunity to nurture them as they grow socially, physically, intellectually, and spiritually. It is Valley Christian Academy's goal to develop the uniqueness of each child. We are committed to providing a high-quality education taught by exceptional teachers in a safe and loving environment.

There are many aspects of VCA that make us a unique school. A few we will highlight are:

- Christ-Centred classrooms
- Family atmosphere
- Curriculum programming that exceeds provincial standards
- Small class sizes
- Parent partnership

Kindergarten is the beginning of an exciting learning journey, and we look forward to you and your child joining our VCA family.



Children are natural learners, full of wonder and curiosity about their world.



Christ-Centred Classrooms

We believe there is something unique and truly special about an education that is rooted in faith. Being guided by our Christian values, we strive to show God's love to each of our students in every situation we face. It is tremendously important to us that all students feel they belong. We respect and welcome children from a range of cultures and diverse backgrounds. You do not need to be a member of True Life Church, or any church, to attend VCA. All students are welcome!

All of our students participate in daily devotions, prayer, worship, Bible study, and scripture memorization. The kindergarten students also take part in our weekly elementary chapel services that consist of a time of worship through music, prayer, and engaging age-appropriate Bible teaching.

Our teachers take the responsibility of teaching and demonstrating Christian values very seriously. It is an honour and a privilege to partner with families as we strive to prepare students to fulfill God's purpose for their lives.



Prayer - Worship - Bible Study - Serving Others - Scripture Memory

Family Atmosphere

With students from kindergarten to grade 12 learning and growing together, we are one big family with many 'big brothers and sisters' for our younger students. Walking through the hallways you may see a highschooler helping a kindergartener zip up their coat or open their locker. On the playground you may witness one of our littlest learners being pushed on the swing by a 'big brother' or taught how to play gaga ball by a "big sister". During our House League events, students from each grade are teamed up and work together on projects and group games. The encouragement and support that the older students show the younger students is inspiring. That love and support is reciprocated with cheers and waves from our little ones when they see their middle/high school friends in the hallway.

It is truly something special.

Because of our small class sizes, the students really get to know each other as well as all of our teachers, staff, and volunteers. We cheer each other on, cry together, laugh together, hold each other accountable, and have a whole lot of fun together.



Some of the best families are the ones you choose to belong to.



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Kindergarten Curriculum

Our kindergarten curriculum is designed to engage children in the learning process and provide many interactive experiences that will lead to feelings of accomplishment and a love of learning.

Kindergarten is a full-day program consisting of explicit teaching and hands-on play based experiences. We are committed to your child's growth from kindergarten right through to grade 12, and our kindergarten program establishes a solid foundation for your child's future. We recognize that each child develops differently and is uniquely gifted by God, and we strive to help all children reach their full potential.

In kindergarten, your child will develop knowledge and skills in language, mathematics, science, social studies, French, art, music, health, physical fitness and sports, personal and social responsibility, and biblical truths - all while having fun! Some of these are explicitly taught while others are woven throughout classroom activities and experiences.



Some of the academic outcomes for our kindergarten students are:

Language:

- Speaking clearly to express thoughts, feelings, and ideas
- Recognizing and naming letters
- Producing letter sounds
- Using letter sound to read words
- Forming written letters
- Using written words and drawings to tell stories
- Increasing phonological awareness

Mathematics:

- Understanding of numbers through counting and comparison
- Measuring and comparing objects
- Identifying shapes
- Addition and subtraction to 10
- Addition word problems
- Telling time to the hour
- Recognizing coins and their value

Kindergarten Curriculum, continued

In addition to these academic goals, our kindergarteners also:

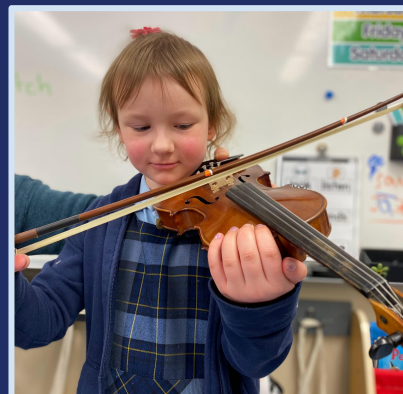
- Demonstrate an awareness of health and safety practices
- Participate in activities that require the use of both large and small muscles
- Develop skills for collaboration and teamwork
- Use problem solving strategies in different situations
- Participate in art and science exploration
- Communicate by speaking and listening to others
- Demonstrate a sense of identity and positive self-image
- Use social skills in working and playing with others
- Develop independence, self-control, and a willingness to take responsibility in learning and other activities
- Discover who God is, who we are in Him, and how to serve others



Play promotes healthy physical, social, emotional, language, and cognitive development.



Our music program introduces kindergarteners to many instruments such as the violin, flute, and trumpet. They meet Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, and Saint Saens through their wonderful compositions. Through a variety of songs and dances, students gain knowledge of notes, rhythm, and music vocabulary.



Parent Partnership

We know that parents are the first and best teachers of their children, and we value parents as partners. We look forward to beginning a partnership that will carry your child throughout their school journey as we work together to achieve excellence in education for your child.

Starting kindergarten is an exciting milestone, but it can also create anxiety for both children and parents. Below are a few tips to help ease that transition. By helping to prepare your child to be more independent, you will help make your child's school days smoother, make it easier for them to concentrate on learning, and ensure they have a lot more fun. Building independence builds confidence!

- Practice putting on and taking off shoes. Purchase shoes that they can fasten independently.
- Practice packing and unpacking a bookbag and snacks as well as opening snack containers.
- Ensure your child can complete washroom routines independently, including flushing the toilet, washing and drying hands properly, and fastening zippers and buttons on clothing.
- Practice covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing as well as being able to blow their nose and dispose of their tissue.
- Read to your child and talk about the stories.
- Play games that require taking turns (and even letting them lose).
- Allow your child to sort and fold laundry, cook and bake with you, and set the table.
- Play outside. You can even visit the school playground so that your child is familiar with the area.



How to Register

We would be thrilled to speak with you to discuss your child's enrolment. You can call the school office at 506-848-6373 or email our principal, Mrs. McLellan, at vcapincipal@outlook.com. Typically, a meeting is booked to discuss the school, your child, have a school tour, and ask/answer questions.

A few important pieces of information for you to know are::

- Children eligible for kindergarten must be at least five years of age on or before December 31st of the year in which they enrol.
- Kindergarten tuition is \$4,920 (\$492/month).
- Curriculum fee is \$400/year.
- VCA students wear school uniforms. We have a used uniform closet that you can 'shop' at (there is no cost!).
- Before and after school care are available on-site at our daycare, Little Blessings.
- The following information is required when you register your child:
 - Birth certificate
 - Immunization records or provincial exemption form
 - Medicare number
 - Registration fee of \$100



Thank you so much for your support and partnership as we begin an exciting journey with you and your child. Kindergarten is a special year full of wonderful experiences. We look forward to sharing them all with your family.