

Welcome to the Senior Room!

Thank you for choosing Childrens' Kastle Christian Learning Center as your Early Childhood Education Provider. It is our goal to prepare your child for Kindergarten.

GOALS:

In the Senior room we have several goals and expectations for your child in the areas of cognitive, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual development. As we work toward these goals, your child will gain self-confidence, develop the ability to complete tasks, and learn self-control.

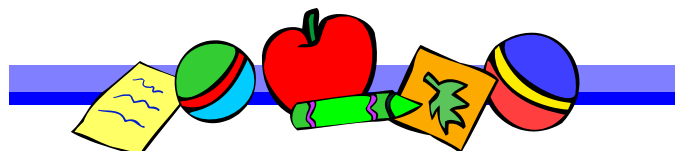
CURRICULUM:

Our daily lesson plans are geared towards preparing your child for Kindergarten. We have 5 basic focus areas:

- Reading Readiness- Oral language development, discrimination of letter sounds and letter recognition, repeated patterns, ability to recognize printed words, building a sight vocabulary, the ability to discriminate rhyming words, retelling stories and past experiences, and reading as a source of pleasure and fun.
- Math Readiness- Concepts of big and small, few and many, more and less, basic numbers 1-20, counting objects, one to one correspondence, telephone numbers, addresses, simple addition and subtraction, calendars, telling time, money concepts, introduction of geometric shapes, measuring, and cooking.
- Art- Primary and secondary colors, cutting, pasting and gluing, painting using different kinds of media, texture, weaving, paper mache, holiday projects, seasonal crafts and personal creations. Art is not only fun for the children, but it also enhances visual and fine motor skills.
- Practical Life- The children are introduced to a variety of tasks often performed in every day life situations. They include: setting tables, washing dishes, pouring, washing hands, toileting skills, buttoning, zipping, tying, snapping and buckling. We also focus on “stranger danger,” manners, emotions, safety rules, and community helpers.
- Science- Lessons consist of variety of simple experiences such as investigation, listening and manipulating. It also requires asking questions and predicting outcomes. The children will be introduced to animals, the seasons of the year, hibernation, plant growth, the five senses, night and day, and our universe.

CHRISTIAN CURRICULUM

Since we are a Christian center, it is important to us that your child learns from the Word of God. Each week, the children will learn about a different bible story. The theme of these stories is incorporated into the daily activities and events. Finally, once a week, we will have large group Bible time where we will learn songs, watch skits, and engage in activities related to the Bible story.



PARENT COMMUNICATION:

We strive for one-on-one communication with parents. In order to keep you informed of classroom events, important dates, and other information, you will receive the following:

- Monthly Newsletters
- Progress Reports with Parent/Teacher Conferences held in January and in June
- Parent notices to be placed in your child's file folder

TYPICAL SEPARATION ANXIETY- We realize that separation anxiety can be difficult for both the child and parent. Today your child loves day care but tomorrow they'll cry and beg you to stay. Does this sound like your 4 year old? It's very typical, but it is not cause for worry. Here are some things you can do to minimize the apprehension your child may feel when you leave:

- Reassure him/her that the separation is only temporary and that you will return.
- Don't leave without saying good-bye.
- Knowing that you can leave at anytime could cause him/her to feel uneasy.
- Don't linger, if he/she starts to cry when you say good-bye, you need to leave anyway. Otherwise they will soon learn to use their tears as a way to keep you around.
- Return when you promised and remind him/her that you did.
- Discuss your child's day with them. Talk about what they did, as well as what you did while you were away.

Daily Schedule

6:45-8:45	Free Choice Activities and Centers
8:00-8:30	Breakfast
8:45-9:00	Clean Up
9:00-9:30	Circle Time
9:30-10:00	Snack and Bathroom
10:00-10:45	Teacher Directed Small Group Learning Centers
10:45-11:00	Clean Up
11:00-11:30	Large Motor (Gym or Outside)
11:30-12:00	Story time
12:00-12:30	Lunch and Bathroom
12:30-3:00	Quiet Rest Time
3:00-3:30	Bathroom and Snack
3:30-4:00	Story and Circle Time
4:00-4:30	Outside Playground Time
4:30-5:00	Learning Center Choice Time
5:00-5:45	Quiet Choice Free Play

In the Senior room, it is our goal to make each child's journey toward Kindergarten as fun and productive as possible. We enjoy fostering the strengths and gifts God has given each child!

God Bless,
The Senior Room Staff

