



# 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 approach learning with confidence, engagement, creativity, imagination, curiosity, initiative and persistence.

## Daily Schedule

- 6:45-8:45 Free Choice Activities/ 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
- 10:00-10:15 Storytime
- 10:15-11:00 Teacher Directed Small Group Learning Centers
- 11:00-11:30 Large Motor (Gym or Outside)
- 11:30-12:00 Centers
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch and Bathroom
- 12:30-3:00 Naptime\*
- 3:00-3:30 Bathroom and Snack
- 3:30-4:00 Outside Playground Time
- 4:00-5:00 Learning Center Choice Time
- 5:00-5:45 Quiet Choice Free Play

\*If your child is having trouble sleeping, a supervised, quiet activity will be provided for them

## Curriculum

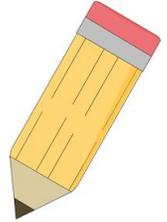
Our 4 year old program uses an academic curriculum by A Beka (a well-known home school program) that focuses on phonics and mathematics. The curriculum for the Senior room is designed to promote development in Language and Literacy, Fine and Gross Motor skills, Math and Science, Self-Help skills, and Social/Emotional skills.

Circle time, learning centers, and small group instruction are all times during which curriculum content is implemented and reinforced.

- **Literacy and Language Arts:** throughout the course of the year, children will develop the ability to identify and print upper and lowercase letters, identify letter

sounds, and begin to build an early reading foundation of sight words and phonics skills.

- **Motor Skills:** activities to promote both fine and gross motor skills are provided everyday. Children will practice using scissors to cut along straight and curved lines, holding a crayon/pencil properly, and following a dotted line to trace an object, letter, or number. Gross motor skills such as throwing and catching a ball, balancing on one foot, running, skipping, galloping, and walking on tiptoes are all incorporated into games and activities.
- **Math and Science:** Students will be exposed to important math concepts such as rote counting, counting and sorting objects, basic addition and subtraction, identifying geometric shapes, calendar skills, as well as address and phone number information. Science is incorporated into activities where children are encouraged to make predictions, experiment with objects/ideas, and form conclusions.
- **Self-Help:** Independence and responsibility are strongly promoted in the senior room. Children are guided to be responsible for their own belongings, put classroom and personal items away in the proper place, and to handle classroom and building materials with respect. Self-control and an understanding of rules and safety are also cultivated in the senior room. Children will not only learn a set of classroom rules, but also why those rules are in place and that they are enforced to keep them safe. Classroom limits and expectations are communicated to students and consistently reinforced.
- **Social and Emotional:** Children will begin to show much more self-awareness while in the senior room. They are encouraged to express their feelings verbally, and also to be able to recognize and label how others are feeling. Students will also learn to solve conflicts with their peers and will be taught strategies for appropriately working out problems on their own, rather than immediately looking to an adult. In addition, teachers will model the use of manners and respectful interactions with others.
- **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 themes of these stories are incorporated into the daily activities and events. Finally, once a week, we will have large group Bible time where students will learn songs, watch skits, and engage in activities related to the Bible story.



### **Parent-Classroom Connections**

We encourage parent engagement! Opportunities will be available for parents to volunteer in the classroom during special events and chaperone for field trips. A

homework folder will be sent home each weekend with a worksheet for you to complete with your child. Other special activities such as the classroom letter can and simple projects will also be sent home throughout the school year. We also encourage you to talk to your child each night about their day and what they learned. This will help build a good foundation for communication as they enter into school.

### **Typical Separation Anxiety**

We realize that separation anxiety can be difficult for both the child and parent. Today your child loves daycare but tomorrow they will cry and beg you to stay. Does this sound like your 4 year old? It is very typical, but it is not cause for worry. There are a few ways that you can alleviate this. Always reassure your child that you will return and never leave without saying goodbye. If your child does start to cry, do not linger or come back into the room. This often makes the transition into the classroom even more difficult. Finally, discuss your child's day with them. Talk about what they did, as well as what you did while you were away.

### **Graduation**

At the end of the school year, we will celebrate the growth and learning of all of our Senior Room students with a graduation ceremony! We invite family and friends to attend as our students showcase what they learned through songs, a skit, and of course walking across the stage and receiving their diploma.

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 that God has given each child!

God Bless,

The Senior Room Staff

