



PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*The PCS Difference*



## Why PCS?

***Why look closer? Aren't all Kindergarten options the same?***

Presbyterian Christian School's (PCS) Kindergarten program is an exceptional, hands-on, developmentally appropriate approach to learning which boasts "quality over quantity."

Not all Kindergarten programs are created equal. PCS provides a loving mixture of traditional, creative, and cutting-edge teaching philosophies that are successful in producing equipped Kindergarten graduates, and sets students down a pathway of college preparatory learning that will serve them for life.

**PCS Kindergarten program stands out from the crowd in FOUR distinct ways.**

**First,** PCS works through a thoughtfully planned curriculum that masters the ascribed fundamentals for Kindergartners, and does so through the lens of a Biblical Worldview. In other words, while we hope to (*and do!*) produce the best and brightest students - our greater hope is to imprint the love and work of Jesus Christ on the heart of every child.

**Secondly,** our phonetic approach to reading and writing, along with our

exploratory approach to mathematics, science, and social studies not only meet, but far-exceed the state and national standard requirements. Instead of outdated reading techniques that teach by memorization, we instill a set of *mastery tools* in the minds our students so they are able to “de-code” any unknown word they may encounter. Not only does this ensure that Kindergarten graduates are proficient readers, it also produces young learners who are problem-solvers and do not shy away from challenges.

**Thirdly,** our limited K5 class sizes (12-15/class) allows us to provide focused one-on-one student instruction. Each

teacher and their teaching assistant are able to teach on an individual and small group level on a daily basis and differentiate instruction for all types of learners.

**Fourthly,** the PCS Kindergarten program is the beginning of a consistent, comprehensive, and uninterrupted K-12 system that has proven itself successful. PCS’s college attendance rate is nearly 100% and over 50 PCS graduates have had the prestigious honor of being named National Merit Scholars due to their exceptional ACT scores. Starting your child on the right path *early* allows for formative and lasting friendships to develop while creating a foundation for a lifetime of success.



# ABC's of Kindergarten...

**A is for Arrival:** Kindergarten begins at 8:00AM. They may be dropped off in carpool line between 7:20-8:00.

**B is for Backpacks:** They should be big enough to hold a lunch box, snack bag, jacket, and folder.

**C is for Communication:** Close contact is key for a successful school year! Parents and teachers communicate daily.

**D is for Dismissal:** Dismissal is 2:50-3:05 through Car Line.

**E is for Enrichment:** Each week we have different sci-

ence and social studies based Enrichment Units in the afternoon that are full of group time and hands-on learning!

**F is for Folders:** Folders travel back and forth from home to school daily for feedback on student's progress.

**G is for God's Word:** We read from it, memorize it, and try to nurture its truths every day!

**H is for Helpers:** We are grateful for parents who are able and willing to be helpers throughout the year!

**I is for Image-bearers of God:** We will work to treat each other as such.

**J is for Jesus:** We strive to show our Savior to the children every day.

**K is for Kindness:** The Bible speaks a lot about kindness, and we will too!

**L is for Label:** Please label all jackets, lunch boxes, etc.

**M is for Meals:** Snack is at 9:15AM and lunch starts at 11:00AM. Lunch can be brought from home or purchased through our cafeteria.



**N is for Nap Mats:** We recommend KinderMats, sold at most stores that sell school supplies!

**O is for Others:** Our new communication and social skills curriculum will set your child up for success in life.

**P is for Parties:** You are welcome to celebrate your child's birthday at school! Contact your child's teacher if you would like to bring a treat for the class!

**Q is for Quarters:** There are nine weeks in each quarter, four quarters in a year.

**R is for Rest Time:** Every day we take 30 minute break when each child will recharge quietly on their mat.

**S is for Show and Tell:** Most Fridays in the first semester will be for show and tell.

**T is for Technology:** We employ the use of technology with wisdom to lay a healthy platform for success.

**U is for Uniforms:** We follow the same dress code as the rest of the school.



**V is for Verses:** By the end of the year, your child will have memorized 26 Bible verses, one for each letter of the alphabet!

**W is for Water Bottles:** We recommend you send one for your child!

**X is for eXtended Care:** Offered every day after school until 5:30PM.

**Y is for Young Learners:** We can't wait to get them here and start them on their PCS journey towards success!

**Z is for Zoo:** This is just one of the many educational field trips we take each year!



## Daily Kindergarten Schedule

7:20-8:00 Arrival

8:00-8:30 Morning Work/Center Play in Discovery lab

8:30-8:45 Bible/ "Together Time"

8:45-9:15 Phonics

9:15-9:25 Snack

9:25-9:55 Morning Recess

10:00-10:15 Restroom and Water Break

10:15-11:00 Math

11:00-11:30 Lunch

11:30-11:40 Restroom Break

11:40-12:15 Story time/Phonics/Activity Period

12:15-12:30 Activity Period/Classroom Centers

12:30-1:15 Afternoon Recess

1:15-1:45 Rest Time

1:45-2:50 Unit Enrichment/Big Group in Discovery Lab

\*Optional Extended Care **until 5:30 PM.**

\*\*Music/Library: These classes are one day a week for 45 min.

\*\*\*Schedule depicted here is an example and is subject to change for special events, field trips, etc.



## **Our Commitment to Christian Education**

*The mission of PCS is to provide a comprehensive college preparatory education distinguished by a biblical worldview to equip students with the moral integrity, intellectual capacity, and social conscience to impact the world for Christ.*

## **Technology in Wisdom**

*The reality of our world requires our future leaders (our students, we hope!) to be proficient in all the many ways technology can be used to make our world better. At PCS, it is our aim to implement technology as a teaching tool, used in wisdom, through the hands-on help and instruction of our teachers. At the Kindergarten level, the time using one-to-one devices is limited and always used as a supplement to the instruction happening in many other ways through the teacher in the classroom. Think of this time as a cherry on top of an already beautiful sundae! This is the beginning of the PCS K-12 technology journey in which our students incrementally learn new skills that will benefit them through college and the rest of their lives.*

# *Schedule A Visit!*

*It would be our absolute joy to host you and your family for a customized visit to PCS. Please call 601-599-7007 to make arrangements today!*



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