



Tattnall Square Academy

K3 through Kindergarten - Grade Level Summaries

K3 and K4

Our mission in preschool is for your child to grow in the same way that Jesus grew. Luke 2:52 is our theme verse. It says, "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men." If Christ is our example, it is fitting then, for us to make it our mission to help your child grow in wisdom (knowledge), stature (movement and coordination), in favor with God (spiritually), and in favor with men (social skills). Our curriculum seeks to develop children in each of these areas with skills taught through thematic units and interactive play.

Kindergarten

Our goal is to educate, love, and nurture your children in a caring, Christian environment. Our curriculum provides many hands-on experiences that allow children to explore learning in creative ways through the use of various manipulatives.

Our full day program allows these young students the opportunity to express themselves creatively and by encouraging them to develop their problem solving skills through experimentation with hands-on-materials.

1st Grade

Our mission in first grade is to establish a solid Christian education foundation in three specific areas. First, our academics are anchored in successfully integrating units in reading, language arts, and math. Next, our students develop socially through numerous group activities that develop cooperation and respect for self and others through our teaching of Christian character. The third and possibly the most important part of our students' growth deals with their spiritual development which is taught through our Bible curriculum. Together with parents' reinforcement at home and working together as a team, our mission becomes successful. Our ultimate goal is to provide a positive academic experience and to know each child's strengths, needs, and learning styles.

2nd Grade

Our mission in second grade is to help each child mature academically, spiritually, and socially. We strive to help each child recognize and develop his or her strengths and talents. Equipping students with reading skills and decoding strategies is a high priority. Our math curriculum provides students with a strong foundation of computation, problem solving skills,

and math vocabulary. Our exploratory classes include a variety of opportunities for students to explore art, science, and technology. It is our goal to facilitate each child's full potential.

3rd Grade

Third grade is an exciting year full of many new experiences for your child. Third grade marks the transition from learning to read to reading to learn. Within our content areas of language arts, math, science, social studies, and Bible, class work undergoes many changes in style and length. Third graders show evidence of expanding language with increased vocabulary. They are ready to engage in abstract discussions as they respond to curricula and life experiences. There is an increased level of independence that is formed and encouraged on a daily basis through the use of life skills. In order to meet the challenges of the future, third grade strives to help each child develop socially, emotionally, and academically in a Christ-like environment.

4th Grade

In fourth grade, students are applying their knowledge of mathematics and language arts. While these are focus areas, we also move to more in-depth study of science and social studies content. Fourth graders are equipped to complete more complex assignments that ask them to assimilate knowledge from a variety of resources. Students are encouraged to become independent learners across the curricula, while still benefitting from group interactions in a cooperative, Christ-like learning environment.

5th Grade

The fifth grade teachers strive to provide a nurturing, Christian environment for our pre-teen learners to perfect basic skills with a college and career preparatory mind set. Our literacy goal is to offer a focus for instruction and help ensure that students gain adequate exposure to a range of texts and tasks, including the core areas of science and geography. In the content area of mathematics our purpose is to develop fluency and understanding of mathematical operations and their applications in daily life situations.

6th Grade

The sixth grade year at Tattnell Square Academy is a year of transitions filled with opportunities for leadership. Students are challenged to see the world through the lens of a Biblical worldview. The goal of our instructional time is to develop lifelong learners through the disciplines of a rigorous academic curriculum. Preparation in English language arts, mathematics, and literacy in science, geography, Latin, and technical subjects will ensure that our students have the opportunity to master the skills and knowledge needed to be successful in the middle school years.

Community Service

All elementary students are provided opportunities for community service through field trips, donation drives, class projects, and school wide community service events.

LAB 413 - Learning And Believing

Based on Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength, LAB 413 is a learning resource program which allows students to have individualized instruction in the areas of reading and mathematics. Students will be assisted individually or in small groups either in the resource lab or in their own classroom. The purpose of this program is to support our students and teachers in their pursuit of academic achievement and excellence.

Elementary Art

Elementary Art is geared toward teaching all students the fundamentals of both art and art history. We hope to cultivate a path for a lifetime of love and passion for the arts. Beginning in preschool we teach both art history and how everything begins with a simple shape. We use this same principle throughout their growing experience, building on it, and adding the basic elements of art. Each student experiences a multitude of mediums, such as, chalk, oil, pastels, paint, charcoal, markers, crayon, glue, paper, paper mache, plaster, and clay. In the spring, their growth and talents are then proudly put on display in Tattnall's annual Spotlight on the Arts. This special night allows the student to share their ability, knowledge, imagination, and creativity with their family and friends.

Music

In the music classroom at TSA, the primary focus is to develop a love for music in our students. Children are invited to experience music first hand through singing, movement and performing on instruments. Incorporating the Kodaly Method, students use folks songs and rhymes to discover beat, rhythm, tuneful singing, and learn to notate and read music.

Discovery

The DISCOVERY Program provides avenues of learning outside of the regular classroom for gifted/highly talented students in grades two - six. In order to be enrolled in DISCOVERY a student must meet criteria for admissions based on standardized tests, classroom performance/grades, teacher recommendation and testing. The class covers a range of topics not covered within the regular classroom setting. The goals of the DISCOVERY Program are to provide additional avenues for learning for gifted/highly talented students and to produce students who will contribute to their community to their utmost potential.

Computer

All elementary students come to the primary or intermediate computer lab once a week for a structured class in computer skills. The goal of the computer lab is to produce learners who are able to use their technology skills to enhance their academic learning in the classroom. Skills taught in computer lab are on-going skills that are built upon throughout the year.

Technology games and student projects used to teach these skills directly correlate with classroom lessons. In 4K, 5K, and 1st grade, students focus on correct finger placement, familiarity with the keyboard, computer terminology, and mouse techniques. Students in 2nd and 3rd grades continue practicing these skills while also learning to navigate and use Google Docs. Students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades continue working in Google Docs. In addition, they also become more familiar with online safety, research skills, email, and other new technology concepts.