

A day in Cedar Grove Christian Academy's Preschool is never dull! It's always amazing to watch a room full of children accomplish so many different things in one day! The children are always busy doing something. If they're not cutting and pasting, then they might be reading books. Some like to paint at the easels, while others are building the NE Philadelphia Zoo with blocks, people, and animal toys. Bible time is a highlight as the children learn that they're made in God's image and therefore have a reason to live and sing of His love. Programs

at Christmas and in the spring are great finishing touches to the year.

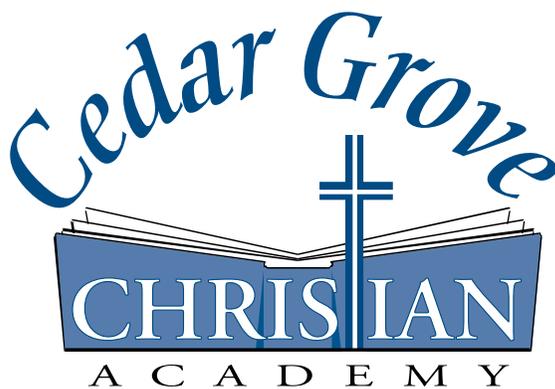
Nursery (3 years old by June 1)

Nursery is an opportunity to foster learning and allow children to associate with others in their own age group activities. God's Word is an important part of the program and is emphasized through memory verses, songs, Bible stories, and activities.

Nursery School Curriculum Includes:

Social Skills through playing and interacting, verbalizing ideas and feelings, and establishing friendships.

Physical and Motor Skills such as walking on a balance beam, hopping, skipping, throwing a ball, art activities, and putting puzzles together.



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Cognitive Skills such as learning Bible verses, finger plays, rhymes, colors, shapes, matching, sequencing, recognition of ABC's, and numbers 1-10.

Self -Help Skills such as proper bathroom etiquette, table manners, and dressing oneself.

Work Habits such as following directions, increasing attention span, raising hand for recognition, cleaning up after play, and working independently.

Prekindergarten (4 years old by Sept. 1)

Prekindergarten is designed to achieve maximum growth in all six areas of development: spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, intellectual, and social. These developmental areas are achieved through a carefully planned routine. The daily routines in the classroom help the child gain security and learn in

an orderly fashion. The variety of activities gives the child balance in his life. The activities include: Bible time, English skills/phonics, math, storytelling, show and tell, and area time (blocks, puzzles, home living center, dramatic play, art, legos, etc...). Pre-K provides these activities and experiences for a child to gain knowledge and appreciation for his world and to learn to become independent and well disciplined.

Pre-K Curriculum Includes:

Foundational Skills which build upon the nursery school experience.

Reading Readiness includes the association of letters with their sounds. Initial letter sounds are stressed along with vocabulary development.

Pre-Cursive Writing is introduced.

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Math Readiness includes the counting of objects, value of numbers, and writing of numbers 1-20.

Learning Centers provide opportunities for interactive play, environmental experiences, and role modeling.

Pre-K prepares children for a more structured school setting and the academic program developed in kindergarten.

Kindergarten
(5 years old by Sept.1)

CGCA's Kindergarten is an educational program designed to provide the foundation needed for success in school.

Kindergarten Curriculum Includes:

Reading which progresses from the learning of letter sounds, to the blending of these sounds, to the actual reading of words, sentences, and stories.

Math concepts are enhanced through many manipulatives. Recognizing, counting, and writing numbers to 100 eventually lead to addition and subtraction. The use of measures, such as time and money, help children gain living skills.

Physical Development is enhanced through gym classes, songs, and exercises. Attention is given to fine motor skills required in the pre-cursive writing of letters and numbers.

The Field Day, and Kindergarten graduation highlight the preschooler's school experience.

Extra Curriculum Activities for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten enable our children to benefit from computer activities, the on-campus library, visits from community helpers, and field trips.

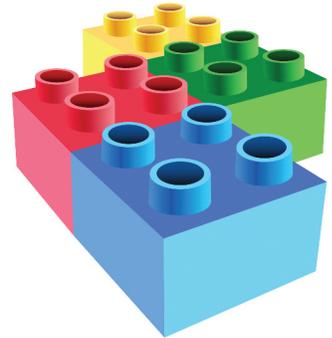


Enrichment Program 11:30-3:00

Nursery: Nap time is built into the schedule. Other activities include: language skills development, storytime, and arts and crafts.

Pre-K and Kindergarten: This program, though more informal than the Pre-K and Kindergarten programs, follows a separate curriculum which is designed to enhance the preschooler's learning. Seasonal and weekly themes incorporate: language development, environmental understanding, musical activities, motor skills, learning games, science and math experiences, and craft projects.

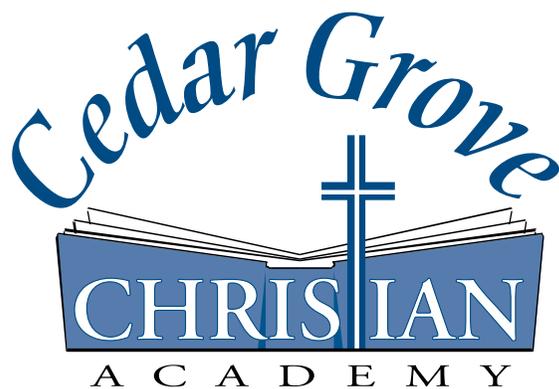
Extended Care: This program meets from 7:00-8:15 am and 3:00-6:00 pm daily. It has outdoor play (weather permitting) as well as free play activities. The goal of this program is to give positive experiences while interacting with one another.



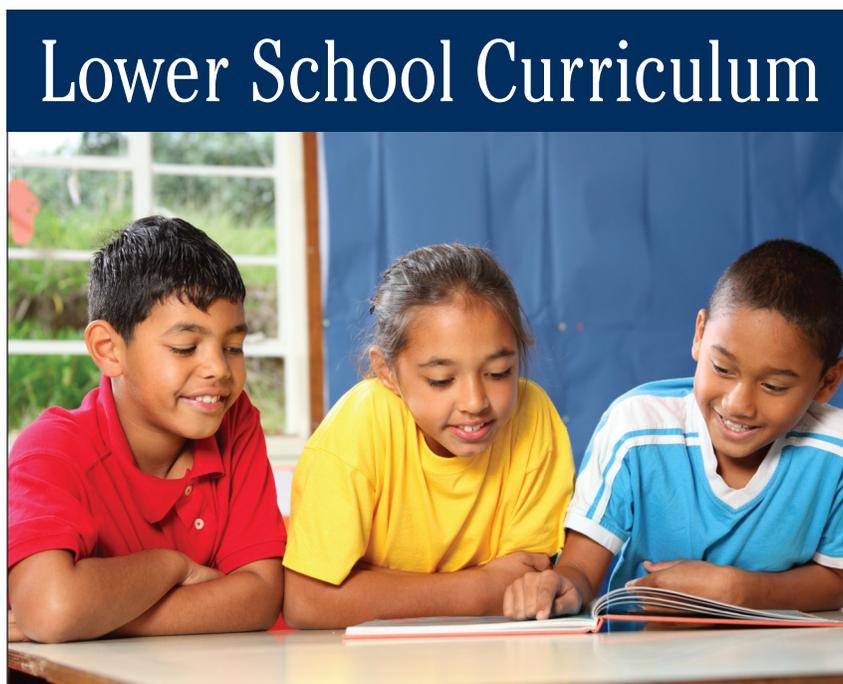
The CGCA program encourages children to be explorers, creators, communicators, interactors, questioners, problem solvers, thinkers, reasoners, and socializers as they prepare for elementary school. The Preschool for children ages 3, 4, and 5 operates during the school year from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm



Life in Cedar Grove Christian Academy's Lower School (grades 1-4) is full of new and challenging experiences. It is a place where varieties of creative teaching and learning experiences are taking place each day. While one group may be exploring the world of mammals, another group may be tackling questions regarding their place in God's world. A caring faculty recognizes that God has created each child with unique differences. Care is taken to enhance a student's strengths while providing the necessary foundation before entering Middle School.



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Lower School Curriculum

Great emphasis is placed on the fundamentals of education. A strong phonics program, combined with an abundance of reading materials, produces excellent readers. The mathematics program, combining traditional and modern approaches, helps students relate concepts and processes to real-life situations.

CGCA's emphasis on cultural interaction is a unique part of the learning environment. Laughter and childhood have no cultural bounds as students play, study, and pray with children from a vast array of cultural backgrounds.

Service Projects are encouraged. Visiting and assisting at a local nursing home, bringing in food for the poor, and participating in area church and community-run activities are regular programs in our lower school. We also actively participate in Samaritans Purse's Operation Christmas Child each year, providing gifts for children all over the world.

Visitors to the Classroom often share their heritage with the students. Missionaries, parents, and grandparents provide a wealth of information about God's work and happenings around the world.

Black History Month is recognized as students study notable leaders, attend special activities, and are encouraged to appreciate all people.

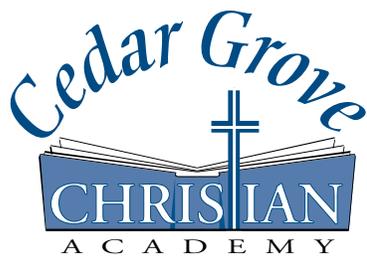
Pen Pals provide opportunities for students to correspond with others their own age throughout the world.

Field Trips help students become aware of their own community and the environment through hands-on experiences. Visits to a farm, an insectarium, a post office, a planetarium, and an excursion to historic

Philadelphia by train are a few of the trips woven into the Lower School curriculum.

ACE (Accelerated Christian Education) is offered to meet students' needs on an individual basis. Through individualized instruction, students who are ready may be accelerated in their learning. Students who need extra time may remain a little longer on a concept.

Discovery Center is a program for students who have learning disabilities. These students have average to above average intelligence, but they are experiencing difficulty in the classroom. One-on-one educational therapy is provided twice weekly using techniques that are specifically designed to stimulate areas of weakness in perception and cognition.



Lower School Curriculum



A developmentally academic balance of learning is experienced throughout the Lower School (grades 1-4). Children are taught all of the necessary academic disciplines while God is kept at the core and His word as the prooftext.

Bible (ACSI)

Daily prayer times

Bible memory

Chapel

Bible study: A Biblical world view is integrated into all subjects. Lessons from the Old and New Testament are applied to daily life.

Mathematics (MCP)

Addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, measuring, time, geometry, graphing, and fractions are presented in grade-appropriate lessons. Real-life math
Mental math

Language Arts (Bob Jones)

Sentence and paragraph writing

Story writing

Letter writing

Poetry writing

Grammatical concepts

Spelling (Zaner-Bloser)

Handwriting

Public speaking

Reading (Bob Jones)

Short stories

Poetry, fiction, nonfiction reading

Social Studies (Abeka)

Map studies: neighborhood, country, world (All)

Pennsylvania history and geography (Grade 4)

Explorers and colonial America (ACE)

Accelerated Christian Education - ACE (grades 3 & 4)

Individualized instruction in a learning center environment in the areas of:

Math

Language

Spelling

Science

Social Studies

Individual and group projects



Science (Abeka)

Plants, trees, pets, and sun (Grade 1)

Energy, dinosaurs, magnets (Grade 2)

Vertebrates, weight and measurement, solar system (Grade 3)

Entomology, moon, electricity (Grade 4)

Embryology, ornithology (ACE)

Health and safety (All)

Enrichment

Service projects

Speech meet

Field trips

Math Olympics

Creative writing

Plays

Concerts

Computer

Physical education (All)

Music (All)

Art (All)

Extra Curricular Activities

Band

Puppet ministry

Intramural basketball

Indoor soccer

Field Day

At Cedar Grove Christian Academy a Christian view of life is woven into the very fiber of all course work.

In the Middle School (grades 5-8), students are encouraged to measure their ideas and concerns against Biblical standards. In this way, each student is challenged to build an intellectual and spiritual foundation for his/her life.

Through the Middle School curriculum and a variety of special activities, students learn godly leadership skills, pursue high academic standards, develop self-discipline,

and practice respect for others. We truly believe that when a child becomes a well-rounded, Christ-like, intellectual individual, God is glorified.

Many of the programs offered at CGCA set the school apart from other avenues of education. In the Middle School students experience...

Mentors: Middle School students meet weekly in small devotional groups. During mentor time, students are encouraged to develop a personal relationship with Christ and a prayer life. They are also given opportunity to share with one another, discuss various issues, and seek answers from scripture with their peers and adult group leader.



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Middle School Curriculum

Middle School Retreat: Every fall during our spiritual emphasis week, middle school students participate in a 3-day retreat in the Pocono Mountains. They enjoy a time of spiritual refreshment, unifying activities, and fun. Through this rewarding event we hope to set the tone for the year in the middle school, which will affect not only our upper grades but also the entire school family.

Pen Pals: Students find meaningful use for functional Spanish phrases they have learned as they write to pen pals in Spanish-speaking countries. Reading and translating the letters they receive in return is a thrill!

Science Fair: 5th-8th grade students do research and experiments on scientific topics or questions. Students learn valuable scientific skills that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Discovery Center: Discovery Center is a program for students who have learning disabilities. These students have average to above average intelligence, but they are experiencing difficulty in the classroom. One-on-one educational therapy is provided twice weekly using techniques that are specifically designed to stimulate areas of weakness in perception and cognition.

Ski Trip: As part of the Physical Education program each year, the seventh and eighth grade classes visit a local ski resort. Under expert instruction, many students learn to ski for the first time.

Merit Awards: The Merit Award Program is unique at CGCA. Merits are given on the basis of behavior and academics. Students use merits to participate in various award activities.



Curriculum in Brief

Bible

Bible memory – All

Old Testament Heroes (ACSI) – 5th

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Old Testament Survey (Positive Action) – 7th

New Testament Doctrine (Positive Action) – 8th

Language Arts

Grammar (BJ Press) – All

Reading (Prentice Hall) – All

Vocabulary

(Concerned Group) – 5th/6th

(Sadlier Oxford) – 7th/8th

Oral Presentation – All

Novel Studies – All

Drama – All

Poetry/Short Story – 7th/8th

Social Studies

Old World History (Abeka) – 5th

New World History (Abeka) – 6th

Geography & Nation Report

World Studies (Bob Jones) – 7th

Biographical Study Project – 7th/8th

American History (Abeka) – 8th

Mathematics

General Math (MCP) – 5th/6th

General Math (Saxon) – 7th

AP Pre-Algebra (ACE)

Pre-Algebra (Saxon) 8th

AP Algebra

Mental Math – All

Math Enrichment – All

Middle School Curriculum



Science

Health – All

General Science (Bob Jones)- 5th

General Science (Apologia) – 6th

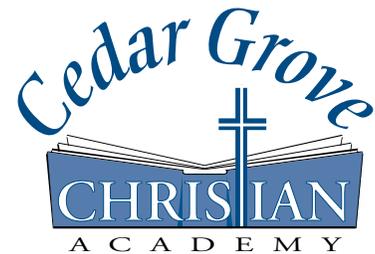
Life Science (Apologia) – 7th

Earth Science (Glenco) – 8th

Science Fair Project – All

Special Areas of Intellectual Development:

- Weekly Chapels
- Interschool Speech Competition
- Interschool Math Olympics
- Interschool Creative Writing
- Geography Bowl Competition
- Spelling Bee
- Spanish /Study Skills /Music/Art
- Computer



Extra Curricular Activities:

- Boy's and Girl's Basketball
- Outdoor Soccer
- Indoor Soccer
- Softball
- Track
- Intramural Sports
- Drama
- Puppet Team
- Yearbook Staff
- Band/Instrument Lessons
- Choir/Fine Arts Choir
- Field Day

