

Kindergarten FAQs

This fact sheet addresses the most commonly asked questions about our Kindergarten program.

Kindergarten Sessions: Who can attend, what programs are offered, and when are classes scheduled?

Children who are 5 years of age by September 1 can attend half-day or full-day Kindergarten:

- Half-day students attend Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:15 a.m.
- Full-day students attend Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Half-day Kindergarten: What is taught to half-day students, or what is taught mornings?

Students are engaged in a developmentally appropriate, Christ-centered curriculum that includes:

- Daily calendar, Jesus Time and prayer
- Balanced approach to reading instruction:
 - ◇ Intensive Phonics
 - ◇ Big books, emergent readers, chart poetry
 - ◇ Picture books, reading and writing centers
- Hands-on math, science, and social studies curricula
- Introduction to D'Nealian handwriting (manuscript)
- Daily physical activity, including PE class
- Art, music, and Spanish classes
- Computer/library time and chapel worship
- Large group instruction, partner learning
- Field trips, theme days
- Bus transportation available for students who reside within the Wayzata School district
- Transportation reimbursement application assistance provided to parents who transport children from other districts

Full-day Kindergarten: What else do full-day students receive, or what is taught afternoons?

Students enrolled full days receive the half-day program plus:

- Hot lunch (available for purchase, or students may bring their own lunch)
- Gross motor skill activities (post-lunch outdoor or indoor recess)
- Rest time (may nap)
- Teacher-guided and/or Learning Center instruction:
 - ◇ Reading and writing enrichment activities
 - ◇ Math, science, and social studies enrichment activities
 - ◇ Individual and small group instruction to reinforce learning
 - ◇ Large group projects

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