



Preschool – Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the school day?

Two and three year old children have the option of two mornings (T, Th), three mornings (M, W, and F) or five mornings (M-F) from 8:15 am to 12:00 noon. Four-year-old children have the option of three mornings (M, W, and F) or five mornings (M-F) per week. All classes begin at 8:15 am and end at 12:00 noon.

When does the school year start and end?

Preschool students begin in mid to late August and end their school year in late May.

What about after school care?

Calvary Day School operates an extended care program before and after school for Kindergarten through 6th Grade. This program is not available for Preschool students.

Does CDS adhere to the NC Child Care Licensing laws?

CDS is a non-public school that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and our Preschool students are on campus for less than 6 ½ hours per day; therefore, CDS is exempt from state childcare licensing laws. We are committed, however, to maintaining a high standard of care for our students, and voluntarily comply with state standards regarding safety, health, and welfare of the children.

Are your teachers certified and/or licensed?

All of our lead teachers either are certified to teach Early Childhood or are pursuing their certification in Early Childhood Development.

How many students are in each class?

Our two-year-old Preschool class size does not exceed 12 students with a teacher and assistant. Our class size for three-year olds does not exceed 15 children with a teacher and assistant in each class. The four-year-old classes do not exceed 16 children with a teacher and assistant in each class.

What curriculum do you use?

Our preschoolers learn through play in a center-based environment. Developmentally appropriate skills are taught through games, music, art, dramatic play, literature, and a variety of related experiences. Teachers integrate Biblical principles throughout the day. *ABC, Jesus Loves Me* is used in the two-year-old classrooms. *Pathways to Preschool* by BJU is used in the three-year-old classrooms. *DIG (Develop Grow Inspire)* and *Wee Learn* are used in the four-year-old classrooms. Teachers use centers and group sessions to develop fine motor skills and provide hands-on learning experiences in literacy, math, and science. Time is set aside each day to develop gross motor skills on the indoor or outdoor playground.

What is your discipline plan?

Teachers use a reward system that involves stickers for positive behavior. After the child accumulates a designated number of stickers, he or she gets to select a reward.

What is the dress code? Do children wear uniforms?

Children wear their own clothes to school - not uniforms. We ask that the clothing be appropriate for play and classroom activities (which may include using paints). Shoes should be closed-toe and closed-heel for wearing on the playground. Children may wear shorts, but we ask that children not wear halter-tops or tank tops.

What about Chapel?

The weekly Chapel programs are for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. At times throughout the school year, Preschool may participate in whole school chapels. Preschool does meet once a month for a special chapel designed especially for our Preschool aged students.

If I enroll my child in Preschool, will you guarantee a spot in Kindergarten?

Yes, provided you (the parent) and the teacher both agree that the child is ready for the next school grade or level, we will assure you of a spot in next year's grade. All students preparing to enter Kindergarten at CDS participate in a screening process prior to entering Kindergarten. You do not have to submit a new application.

How do I enroll my child?

Students may enroll at any time during the school year (provided space is available). Please contact the CDS Admissions Office at 336-714-5479 or visit our website at www.calvaryday.school. You may complete the online application and submit it with your non-refundable \$100 application fee. The Admissions Committee makes final decisions about enrollment. In general, your student should be able to:

- meet the appropriate birth date guidelines; appropriate age by August 15th
- meet normal growth and development guidelines
- successfully separate from parent
- verbally communicate needs to the teacher

We believe that the greatest single predictor of school readiness in young children is age.

Is there financial assistance available for preschool families?

No; however, the school has Variable Tuition available for Kindergarten through 12th grade.