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KINDERGARTEN

The CCS Advantage

Kindergarten through 12th grade

Educational excellence since 1978

Caring, committed Christian faculty who are degreed and professionally certified

Comprehensive Kindergarten program features individualized, phonics-based reading

Kindergarteners experience music, art, library, computer lab, and physical education

Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

Developmental assessment provided for each student

Weekly chapel time to experience worship and praise

Professionally staffed Learning Center which supports the Search & Teach program

Active parent involvement

Thursday folders along with the Kindergarten Express, RenWeb, and the Warrior Weekly provide great communication

Elementary Principal - Mr. Robert White

Mr. Robert White holds ACSI certifications as both a superintendent and a principal. He has served as an elementary principal, high school principal, and head of school for a multi-campus Christian school district. His strong experience at every level of Christian school administration enables him to effectively lead and to help organizations achieve excellence in their mission. Mr. White has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, Florida. Mr. White also earned a Master of Ministry degree from Northwest Baptist Seminary, Tacoma, Washington. He has served in various ministry roles including Sunday School Teacher, VBS Leader, and Awana Director.

Professionally Qualified Faculty

The faculty and staff of CCS diligently focus on the school mission to *'honor the Lord Jesus Christ by providing an education based upon academic excellence and biblical values'*. Each faculty member is a born-again, degreed, and certified teacher who models spiritual and academic excellence.

Kindergarten Teachers

Jan Beam

Jan Beam graduated from Purdue University – with distinction – while earning a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education and Speech Therapy. She has more than 20 years experience teaching Kindergarten and first grade in Christian and public schools. Seven of those years have been at CCS! Additionally, Jan has taught classes on Children’s Ministry at the South Texas Bible Institute and served as a Children’s Pastor at her church. Having parented three children who are adults actively serving the Lord, Jan has learned that "it is easier to train a child than repair an adult." She enjoys teaching Kindergarteners the foundational principles in God’s Word.

Caroline Young

Caroline Young graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas with a B.A. in Humanities and a Master of Arts in Teaching. Caroline is state certificated in Elementary Education, Early Childhood, Generic Special Education, ESL, English, and History. She has nine years of teaching experience in both public and private schools. Caroline has two children who have both attended CCS since Kindergarten. She has served as the nursery director at her church, Foundry UMC, and continues to volunteer in Children’s Ministries. Caroline feels that teaching Kindergarten is her true calling. She feels blessed to have the responsibility to teach her students about who God is and how much He loves them, so they can begin a lifelong walk with the Lord.

Deanna Cameron

Deanna Cameron graduated with honors from Texas A&M University with a BS in Interdisciplinary Studies and a minor in early Childhood. Deanna is certified to teach Pre-K through 6th grade in Texas and has taught Kindergarten and First grade in her five years of teaching in Christian schools. She has three children; two attend CCS and the third will begin kindergarten in 2011. God has gifted Deanna with great teaching abilities, extraordinary patience, and an ability to connect with young students to create an incredibly positive and productive learning environment.

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Curriculum Objectives

Cypress Christian School believes in academic excellence. The kindergarten program is a critical time for laying a strong foundation for the rest of elementary school. Reading, writing, and mathematics are integral parts of the curriculum. Upon completion of kindergarten, CCS students have developed strong reading skills.

Kindergarten teachers lay the foundation for strong handwriting skills as they teach proper habits for writing.

The reading program provides a strong phonics base from which students develop skill in comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. Students read in small groups at their level in order for the teacher to provide individualized attention and to develop oral expression.

The CCS program equips our students with important mathematical concepts. Components of our math program include the basics in numbering, measurements, geometrical and spatial relationships, telling time, counting money, single digit addition concepts, and more.

Daily instruction in Bible, including Scripture memorization, is an important element of every day curriculum.

Curriculum

Bible	<u>Bible Truths</u> , Bob Jones University Press
Math	<u>ACSI Purposeful Design</u> , <u>ABeka</u>
Reading	<u>ABeka</u> , <u>Modern Curriculum Press</u> , <u>Fairfax Christian</u>
Phonics	<u>ABeka</u>
Handwriting	<u>ABeka</u>
History	<u>Social Studies K</u> , <u>ABeka</u>
Science	<u>God's World</u> , <u>ABeka</u>
Art/Computer/Library/Music/PE	

Inspirational Christian Culture

CCS families and visitors regularly comment on the unique and loving environment at Cypress Christian School. Students are taught by Christian educators about God's activity within human history. Biblical standards permeate classroom and office management. CCS seeks to live out an exciting faith in very practical daily matters. God calls us to be Christ-like and to be transformed. For this reason, the application of Christian character is central to the goals of the school and all school personnel reflect Christ as they carry out the mission of the school. CCS students are often complimented for displaying Christ-like behavior whether on or off campus at all grade levels.

Conduct, Respect, and Esteem

Learning to live in the gentleness and truth of Christ is God's educational goal for every person. Such a goal is the highest calling of a Christian school. Teaching each student to act in loving and responsible ways is of lasting value to him/her. The expectations of students at Cypress Christian are set high to reflect a lifestyle that is distinctively Christ-like. Philippians 2 instructs us to "consider one another as better than ourselves" or, in other words, to put others first. Protecting the dignity of all students is our aim.

Standardized Testing

Achievement tests are administered each spring to students in K-10th grade. The school participates in the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) testing program which employs the Stanford Achievement Test. These reports compare our students with national norms and norms developed for ACSI schools.

Uniform Dress Code

The purpose of the uniform dress code is to clarify a standard of appearance which will encourage our students to bring glory to God (I Corinthians 10:31) in an atmosphere free from distraction. Students are required to wear uniforms Monday-Thursday and may wear blue jeans and CCS Spirit wear T-shirts on Fridays.

Co-Curricular Activities

Soccer and Baseball/Softball
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art
ACSI Art Festival

Other Elementary Activities
ACSI Spelling Bee (Grades 3-5)
ACSI Speech Meet (Grades 1-5)
ACSI Math Olympics (Grades 3-5)