



ELEMENTARY

Cypress Christian School faculty and staff actively seek to carry out the school's mission of honoring the Lord Jesus Christ by providing students an education based upon academic excellence and biblical values. In elementary school, we hope to cultivate a love of learning in our students. Students get a firm foundation in basic skills and are challenged to think critically in order to grow academically, socially and spiritually.

The CCS Advantage

- Kindergarten through 12th grade
- Academic excellence since 1978
- Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and AdvancED
- Caring, committed Christian faculty who are degreed and professionally certified
- Biblical values integrated throughout the curriculum
- Weekly chapel time to participate in worship and hear biblical messages
- Students are issued a Chromebook for classroom and home use.
- Weekly instruction in art, computer lab, science lab, library, music, physical education and PE lab
- Clear, timely communication
- Strong parent-teacher partnership
- Active parent involvement

Curriculum

- Students receive standards-based instruction in the following classes: Bible, math, reading (including phonics), writing, handwriting, social studies and science.
- Teachers are able to use a variety of research-based tools to help students progress through the grade level standards with mastery and a high emphasis on critical thinking.
- Students participate in art, computer, library, science lab, music, PE and PE lab.

Curriculum Objectives

- Academic excellence and biblical values starting at the kindergarten level
- Strong core classes:
 - **Reading/Language Arts** - phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, oral and written expression
 - **Math** - numbers, measurement, geometric and spatial relationships, telling time, counting money, patterns, data analysis, computation, fractions, graphing, geometry, decimals, word and multi-step problems
 - **Science** - scientific method, lab safety and process, physical, life, earth and space sciences
 - **Social Studies** - history of our world and God working in it
 - **Bible** - instruction and scripture memorization

Standardized Testing

- Standardized achievement measures are administered throughout the year to students in grades K-5.
- CCS participates in the MAP Growth program. Student scores are compared with national norms and norms developed for schools across the country.

Co-Curricular Activities and Events

- Field trips
- Homecoming, Field Day, Run-4-Fun
- Service projects
- Christmas program
- Elementary sports
- Holiday celebrations
- Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Elementary Strengths

Elementary Teachers:

- Each elementary teacher is a degreed and certified born-again believer who models spiritual and academic excellence.
- Elementary teachers build relationships with each student. These relationships lead to the ability to have meaningful interaction and conversations about the Lord.
- Elementary teachers intentionally focus on the school's mission to honor the Lord Jesus Christ by providing the students an education based on academic excellence and biblical values.

Classes:

- Elementary classes allow for individual attention to student needs. Teachers challenge students with higher order thinking skills to build upon base knowledge.
- There is a focus on relationships both with teachers and other students. CCS provides a loving, encouraging atmosphere for students to learn without fear. Questions and collaboration are celebrated and encouraged.
- Students learn to address weaknesses and improve them, and to recognize their strengths and build upon them.
- Students develop lifelong friendships with their peers in an environment where differences are celebrated.

Teaching:

- Elementary teachers use research-based teaching in each subject area. Students participate in whole group instruction followed by small group and individual practice. Teachers lead small group individualized instruction and take time to conference with students about their work. This allows teachers to know student strengths and weaknesses in order to build upon and improve their academic skills and to include rigor or re-teaching where appropriate.
- It is important for students in elementary school to have a strong foundation in basic skills. Emphasis is placed on knowing math facts with automaticity, reading with fluency and comprehension and properly communicating through both oral and written forms.