

TK - TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN
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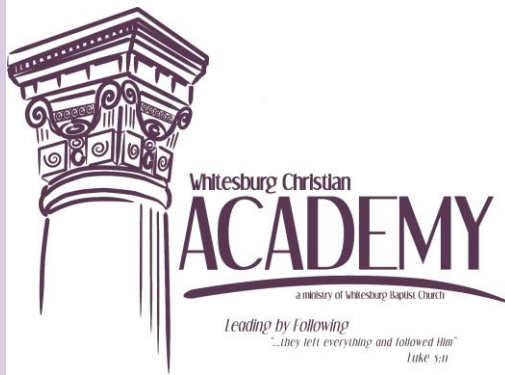


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But the Lord is with me like a MIGHTY Warrior
Jeremiah 20:11



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Leading by Following
"...they left everything and followed Him"
Luke 5:11

"BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST." 2 PETER 3:18

Starting school is a very exciting time for children and their families. It begins a new chapter in their life and sets the tone for the child's future. It is here that the child develops a lifelong attitude toward learning and it is very important that it be a positive experience. Kindergarten standards and curriculum have changed over the years and many of the skills children were once taught in first grade are expected in kindergarten. This can make the transition into kindergarten difficult for some children and the youngest children entering the kindergarten classroom often struggle to adjust socially, behaviorally, and academically.

The good news is that the Academy has a transitional kindergarten program. This program can give your child an opportunity to learn a hands on, interactive way that supports the development while introducing them to the rigor and high standards of our kindergarten program.

Students will gain the social and academic skills needed to grow in self-confidence in order to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. All of this is done in an atmosphere of Christian love, age appropriate Biblical teaching and spiritual development.

"The teachers at Whitesburg Christian Academy provide an amazing learning environment for the children by sharing the love of Jesus Christ."

-Bryan Cleve



What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten. It is specifically designed but not limited to children with summer and fall birthdays. It gives young learners a head start and provides them with an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs.

- Part of and aligned with the Academy instructional program and admission's standard
- Uses a unique specialized curriculum and instructional program that is based on the Academy's kindergarten standards and is designed to support 4 year olds and young 5 year olds who are not ready for kindergarten.
- Taught by credentialed teachers with specialized training to teach young kindergartener's in an atmosphere of love and support.

Who Attends Transitional Kindergarten?

In Alabama, children must turn 5 years old on or before Sept. 1st to enroll in kindergarten. During these early years, children are rapidly growing and developing. Children with the same birth date can vary in their physical, social, and academic development. When you add the wide gap that exists between a child with a September

birthday and a child with an August birthday, you find many children who are at a distinct disadvantage in the traditional age grouping for kindergarten.

The Academy developed our Transitional Kindergarten program specifically for 5 year olds with late birthdays and 4 year olds with early birthdays. Younger 5 year olds may or may not be ready for Traditional Kindergarten in one or more areas. Older 4 year olds likely need more than a traditional preschool program. While the program is designed for these ages, it is not restricted to them and younger 4 year olds are accepted based on our admission criteria. Students in our Transitional Kindergarten will be better prepared to succeed in kindergarten. They will become leaders rather than followers in the classroom and will confidently navigate the school day routine.

What Happens in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom?

In a Transitional Kindergarten, teachers provide a structured, organized academic program that challenges and nurtures our students. There is a balance between academic and play with a primary focus on academics. Structured play through age appropriate designed learning centers which foster creativity, social skill and language development.

...biblical integration throughout the whole day...moral character...

...the classroom offers hands-on activities,

challenging exercises, purposeful repetition, and reinforcement of concepts from subject to subject...

Whitesburg Christian Academy's Transitional Kindergarten Facts:

- The first year of a two year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate
- Students will enter kindergarten at with improved social, academic, communication, and problem solving skills.
- Students' increased readiness for kindergarten will result in higher self esteem
- Students who participate in Transitional Kindergarten demonstrate higher academic achievement and become lifelong learners
- Students are less likely to repeat a grade during their grammar and upper school years

Why is Transitional Kindergarten Good for Kids?

Transitional Kindergarten at the Academy provides children the opportunity to learn in an enriching and academically environment that nurtures their development. When Christian biblical worldview is integrated into the curriculum and instruction the child is fully equipped in every area of

development. Research shows that children who attend kindergarten readiness programs are more likely to do well in school and more likely to attend college. Parents have long recognized the benefits of Transitional Kindergarten. Many parents have been enrolling their children similar programs, both publically and private. Offering Transitional Kindergarten will help all of our children get the best start possible with the curriculum designed just for them.

"I feel there is no better preschool program in town to prepare children for school. Our child looks forward to going to school every morning and even misses her teacher when she is at home! We could not be happier with our school choice and feel blessed to have the Academy assist us in paving the road for a Christian upbringing. We love the Academy!"

- Stephanie Drieling