

Sanlando Christian School: Kindergarten



SCS provides a kindergarten experience that will set your child up for success in first grade and beyond! At SCS, kindergarten is a natural extension of what is learned in preschool, and the focus is the same: love God, love learning and love others.

Inside our Kindergarten Classroom:

There are several qualities that set SCS apart from other kindergarten programs.

Small Class Size - A small group allows us to more effectively meet the needs of all students.

- Maximum of twelve students per class
- One teacher and a part-time assistant in each class

Teaching and Learning Styles - Since children learn in different ways, we utilize a variety of strategies to engage children in the process:

- Hands-on learning using manipulatives and all five senses
- Project-based learning to help children grasp science & social studies concepts
- Individual, small-group and whole-group time with each teacher

Curriculum - Our curriculum is designed to meet or exceed Florida standards while addressing social-emotional learning, which is the #1 predictor of future success.

- *Handwriting Without Tears* - A program that uses a multisensory approach to develop fine motor & writing skills
- *The Collaborative Literacy Suite* - A comprehensive approach to literacy that includes three components: *Being a Reader, Being a Writer and Making Meaning*
- *Math In Practice* - Children explore mathematical concepts in ways that address various learning styles and stimulate critical thinking

Learning that impacts the whole child - Kindergarten is about more than just math, science, reading & writing.

- Co-teaching model with center time throughout the day
- Large-motor development on the playground and our bike area
- Music & Drama with our specialist & a chance to perform in two plays
- Off-site field trips tied into our learning themes
- Helping others by donating food, making & delivering cards to a senior care center, and partnering with the church to provide Christmas gifts for children in need



What Children Learn in Kindergarten:

Kindergarten is the beginning of formal education. Though five and six-year-olds are incredibly capable, we want them to enjoy the learning process. To help them learn skills covered in the Florida Standards, we explore four units - Me & My Community, Discovering Living Things, The World & Beyond, and My Imagination.

Parents will receive quarterly progress reports which outline the skills taught in each unit, so they know exactly what their children have learned and what they're still working on.

A sampling of what we want children to know by the end of the school year:

Social-Emotional:

- Build and maintain positive relationships with others
- Demonstrate empathy & kindness
- Solve social problems with minimal support from adults
- Work cooperatively with a group
- Use self-control during group work
- Demonstrate flexibility
- Use constructive criticism to make positive changes
- Accept responsibility for actions

Learning Skills:

- Practice attentive listening
- Organize tasks and materials
- Stay on task during independent work
- Begin & complete activities on time
- Balance efficiency with quality
- Follow multiple-step directions
- Demonstrate willingness to make mistakes & try when things are hard
- Ask for help when needed
- Actively participate in discussions

Life Skills:

- Know first and last name
- State address (street, city, state)
- Recite parents' phone numbers
- Know birthday (month & day)
- Use scissors, stapler, writing & drawing tools appropriately
- Put items away when finished using
- Manage self-help skills (buttons, zippers, lunch items)
- Maintain health & safety
- Develop basic computer skills

Language Arts:

- Identify all 26 letters & sounds
- Blend sounds into words & break words into sounds
- Recognize common sight words
- Read & understand emergent reader texts
- Identify elements of books (fiction, non-fiction) & stories (plot, characters, setting)
- Demonstrate basic writing, spelling, and editing skills

Mathematics:

- Identify numbers & count to 100 by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Numeric relationships (# before & after) & mathematical symbols
- Addition & subtraction to 10 with objects & equations
- Identify 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Name coins and their value
- Tell time (hour & half-hour)
- Understands fractions (1/2, 1/3, 1/4)

Science & Social Studies:

- Characteristics of living things
- Animal habitats & adaptations
- Predict, observe, and record
- States of matter & weather
- Continents, oceans, landforms & conservation
- Forces & motion, light & sound
- Family & community roles
- Past vs. present
- Wants vs. needs
- Map skills, Florida, & America

Tuition & Fees

Kindergarten hours are 8:45 am-2:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 8:45-noon Friday. We do our best to keep costs low, and we accept FTC and FES income-based scholarships - ask us for details!

Registration	Materials	Monthly Tuition
\$175	\$420	\$920