



# Jr. Kindergarten

Our dedicated Jr. Kindergarten teachers and staff help to prepare our students with the absolute best educational foundation during this important year to ensure your child is ready for Kindergarten and beyond. We work daily to provide this preparation in a loving and encouraging Christian environment that will give your child the confidence to thrive.



## Excellence In Education

*Jr. Kindergarten is designed as a year-long halfway step between four-year-old Preschool and Kindergarten, combining the structure and social skills associated with Kindergarten with the cognitive content that is between Pre-K and Kindergarten. The program will take a developmental approach with the academic standards, daily structure and resources seen in regular Kindergarten class, but at a slower pace. Jr. Kindergarten is a full-time program and students must be enrolled five days a week.*

### Bible

Resources: Our Bible curriculum includes daily Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments, and monthly memory verses. We sing songs to reinforce Bible knowledge and Christian character daily. Specifically, our curriculum uses The Beginner's Bible, a trusted starting point for your child's journey toward a lifelong love of God's Word.

### Math

Resources: The math curriculum used in Jr. Kindergarten is Math Connects by Macmillan McGraw Hill. The organization and pacing of Math Connects helps ensure in-depth coverage of all Pre-K standards and is a strong foundation for kindergarten. Math concepts taught include:

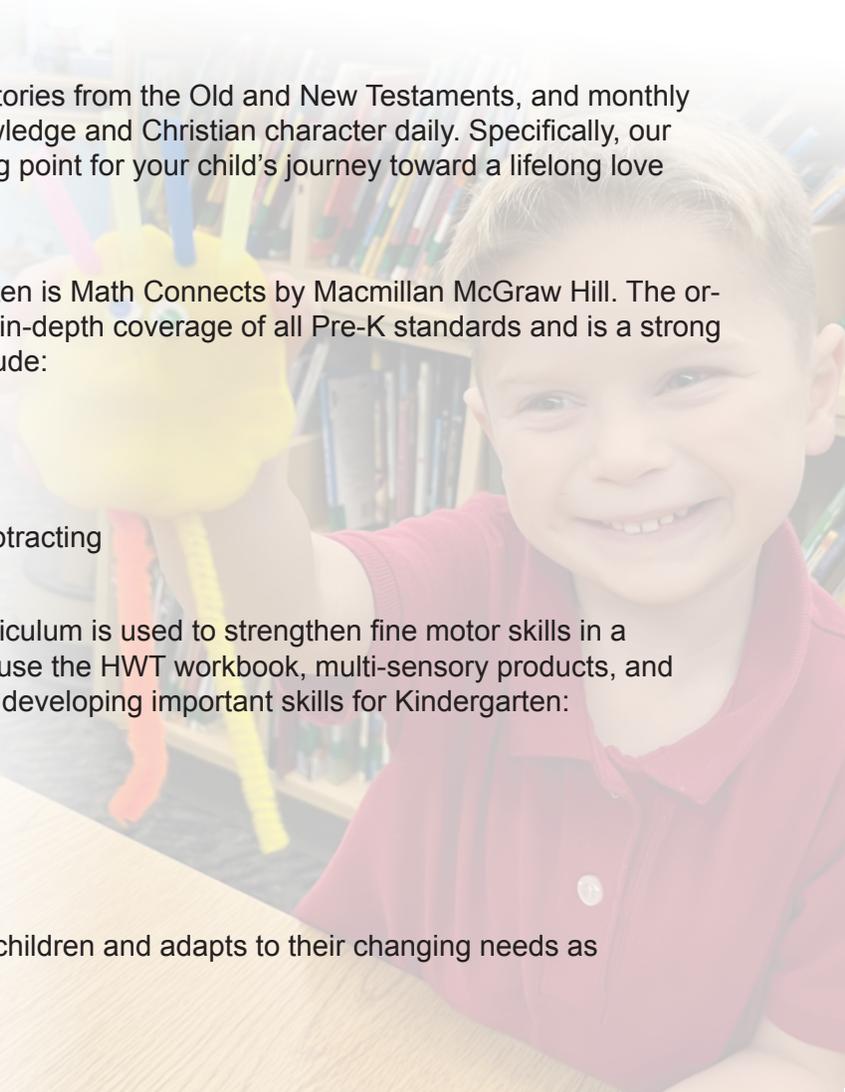
- Attributes
- Sort and Classify
- Position and Direction
- Shapes
- Numbers 0 to 5
- Patterns
- Numbers to 10
- Measurement
- Data and Graphs
- Beginning Adding and Subtracting

### Handwriting

The Handwriting Without Tears Get Set for School curriculum is used to strengthen fine motor skills in a way that is fun and interactive. In Jr. Kindergarten, we use the HWT workbook, multi-sensory products, and music. Children play, build, sing, color, and learn while developing important skills for Kindergarten:

- Language Proficiency
- Social Skills
- Fine and Gross Motor Control
- Color and Shape Awareness
- Letter and Number Awareness
- Counting

The Get Set for School program suits a wide range of children and adapts to their changing needs as they grow.



## Phonics:

The Jr. Kindergarten phonics curriculum is a combination of Foundations and Frog Street Press. With the help of the Frog Street Press Alphabet Characters, the activities help children acquire an ear for language. Children hear specific sounds, identify sound sequence and understand the role phonemes play in word formations. A strong foundation in phonemic awareness is necessary for success with phonics (letter/sound relationship), spelling and word recognition. Foundations provides a research-based program that includes instruction and assessments. Foundations helps students become completely proficient rather than just cover a standards-based curriculum. This program is aligned to the College and Career Ready Standards.

## Creative Projects

Children are by nature creative. In Jr. Kindergarten, a variety of art materials and methods are used. Children are encouraged to express themselves as they create art projects related to thematic units, seasons and weekly alphabet study. Directed art is also used to help children learn:

- Following oral and visual directions
- Develop fine motor skills
- Strengthen eye-hand coordination
- Learn to work individually and independently

## Special Areas

Jr. Kindergarten students at Columbia Academy enjoy specialized teachers and dedicated curriculum time throughout the week incorporating five different areas – art, music, technology, library and physical education. All Jr. Kindergarten students also benefit from use of our Apple iPad One-to-One program during learning centers.



## How to Apply for Jr. Kindergarten?

All NEW students coming to Columbia Academy are required to complete a New Student Application on-line ([cabulldogs.org/admissions](http://cabulldogs.org/admissions)). CURRENT Preschool students will automatically be re-enrolled on FEBRUARY 1st of each year, for the next school year.