



Dear Parent(s),

Many of you know that we offer the Abeka curriculum for ages two through pre-k. I wholeheartedly believe in this program and would recommend it to anyone, not because I work here, but because it works! The program was successful for all three of my children. I cannot tell you how many times I have received praise over our graduates after their kindergarten assessment. The fundamentals are there and not only academically, but also in building strong character traits.

I know that you see paperwork coming home, but I would like to outline our curriculum for you as parents if you have not already looked into it for yourself. Other facilities have programs of their own, but the Abeka approach is founded on biblical principles and the concepts of traditional education. Building a foundation on biblical truths rather than the ever-changing permissive tolerance of today's world is important. You will notice that the curriculum builds as your child ages. We don't want to overwhelm them with lessons, so we start with two workbooks (adding additional age-appropriate lessons along with hands-on activities as the teachers see fit), then four and onto five workbooks when they reach the preschool program.

Two's program

- **Learning Numbers with Button Bear for 2s:** helps children listen, follow directions, and practice eye-hand coordination as they learn number concepts 1-10.
- **Child Art:** helps two year olds learn colors and shapes, follow directions, along with eye-hand coordination.
- **Teacher Lesson:** fun songs about animals and the sounds they make along with the days and months, alphabet worksheets, story time, painting, play-doh, flash cards, practicing sitting at a table and using utensils, learning body parts, teaching sharing skills and kindness, potty-training and more.

Three's program

- **Letters and Sounds for 3s:** beginning phonics book helps children recognize letter shapes and learn letter sounds. Activities include writing practice and using finger paint, glue, and crayons.
- **Numbers and Skills with Button Bear for 3s:** helps children sharpen their listening skills, follow directions, and practice eye-hand coordination as they learn number concepts 1-15. Children enjoy tracing pathways, doing dot to dot, and coloring large, simple forms on skill sheets.
- **Child Art for 3s:** Children learn colors and shapes, how to follow directions, and develop eye-hand coordination with the projects in this art book. The pictures have been drawn with wide, colorful lines and a simple style especially with the preschooler in mind.
- **Arts and Crafts with Amber Lamb for 3s:** The colorful projects in this book give preschool children delightful opportunities to enjoy art and develop motor skills while they paint, glue, and color projects with seasonal, religious, and fun themes.
- **Teachers also include:** songs, enforcing strong character traits during free play indoor and outdoor, story time, work on fun coloring sheets, learning body parts, and more.

Preschool Program

- **ABC Writing Tablet:** Sample letters appear exactly as they should be written. This helps children see the exact formation of the letters in the size they are to trace them. Tracing exercises provide practice in proper formation. The "houses" throughout the tablet aid children in placement of letters.
- **Writing with Phonics k4:** Gives children exact practice in writing as they review their phonics sounds.
- **ABC-123:** Phonics, counting, and numbers writing activities reinforce what children learn in the classroom. The numbers pages introduce number concepts and the formation of numbers 1-20. Children enjoy counting and coloring the familiar objects for each number and forming the numbers. The phonics-based reading readiness pages are full of carefully sequenced activities in recognition, sound, and formation of vowels (long and short), consonant-vowel blends, and one-syllable words with one or two vowels.
- **Readiness Skills k4:** Colorful pages, directed art, and other activities help the young child develop writing readiness, eye-hand coordination, visual perception, and listening and thinking skills.
- **Art Projects k4:** Helps develop motor skills needed to draw, color, cut, and glue. Month by month projects are correlated with academics, bible teaching, and the seasons.
- **Teachers also include:** starting the day with pledges to the Bible, the American flag, and the Christian flag, along with songs and the Lord's prayer. Children count to 100, color, have story time, and sing songs that help them learn to spell the colors and learn the days of the week and months of the year. They also trace their names, learn body parts, learn their personal information such as address and phone number, play with play-doh, sensory boxes, board games and other age appropriate toys. In addition, they practice character building exercises

that are reinforced during free play indoors as well as outdoors and so much more! We end our preschool program with a graduation ceremony in May at the church building, during which the children are proud to show off what they have learned!

In closing, I believe that reading is essential for a child's success, and I personally have seen children reading short books by the time they move on to kindergarten. I have read that learning to read is a sequential process, and as I have outlined above, the Abeka program is set up in just that way. There are so many pluses to this program, you can't go wrong!

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