

Classroom Tidbits

Mrs. Walker's 3-Day 3-Year-Old A Beka Curriculum Class



September News

I enjoyed meeting each of you at the Open House and look forward to working with both you and your child this year. I will be sending home a weekly "tidbit" to let you know what we are learning, working on, and mastering in class, as well as calendar dates and upcoming events.

The newsletter will be posted online on the PreSchool website:

www.centervillebaptistpreschool.com. You may access our classroom webpage by clicking the "Teachers" navigational button and then double click my photograph.

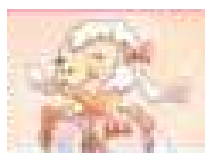
This year, along with the A Beka curriculum, we will use other educational materials. I will be implementing more hands-on activities. We will play games during circle time and free-play time. The children will learn through play in learning centers as well. Hands-on activities help young children learn concepts such as one-to-one correspondence counting. We will learn letters, sounds, numbers as well as work on fine motor and gross motor skills.

The A Beka curriculum is a highly visually based curriculum. We will use the visual cues to help us remember what we are learning. We will use different "tools" on our workbook pages to allow the children a chance for artistic expression. As we will be using markers, watercolors, crayons and other materials, remember that small children sometimes make messes.

I would prefer that children wear "play clothes" or have smocks to protect their clothing.

We will focus on developmental goals of transitioning for the first few weeks of school:

- Goodbyes without tears, after a big hug
- Adjusting to our classroom
- Potty issues (We all have to go)
- Bonding with a new adult
- Learning names of all of our new friends



A Beka uses songs, poems, Bible stories and simple Bible verses as the basis for learning the early academics. "Amber Lamb" is our alphabet mascot. She will escort us through the alphabet. "Button Bear" is our number mascot.



Another aspect of the A Beka curriculum is reinforcing manners and learning the "rules" of the classroom. We will begin learning to respect each child's personal space at the table, raising our hands to speak, listening carefully, taking turns and sharing. I will strive to help each child increase his/her self-confidence as I use "praise" as a social reinforcement.

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Early Academics:

- Introduce upper and lower case Aa
- Introduce upper and lower case Bb
- Numerals 1 and 2
- Rote counting 1—5
- Number songs

Our animal friends are:

- Alexander Alligator
- Betsy Bee

Physical Development:

Small muscles/fine motor skills

Bible:

Verse: Genesis 1:1

Stories:

- Creation
- Adam and Eve
- Noah
- Isaac

Calendar Dates to Remember:



Non-perishable food items
for local families in need
(First week of every month)

October 2: Bring your favorite Teddy Bear

Picture Day: To be announced

Please consider donating a package of snacks to the class, in case someone forgets.
(Goldfish, fruit snacks, juice boxes, etc.)

Parties:

I will have a sign-up sheet on the door for you to sign-up to help assist with party planning, i.e., food items, crafts, activities, etc.

Treasure Box:

Please check the “treasure” your child will bring home on Fridays. It will be placed in your child’s backpack for the journey home. If you don’t think the items are appropriate, please let me know so that I may remove them from our treasure box.

Classroom Schedule

8:50—9:00 Arrival

Hang coats, backpacks

Folders on teacher’s table

Wash hands

Name tags

9:00—9:20 Morning table time

Play doh

Puzzles

Matching, sorting, patterning, etc.

Art

Books

9:20—9:40 Circle Time

Pledge to American Flag

Songs

Calendar

Bible Story

Music and Movement

9:40-10:00 Table Time/Center Time

10:00-10:20 Snack time

Hand-washing; Blessing of food

10:20-10:40 Table Time/Center Time

10:40-11:00 Outside play/Gym

11:00-11:30 Music

Bible

Centers

Science

11:30-11:45 Story Time

Prepare for Dismissal

11:45

Dismissal