



Early Childhood Education

WHERE YOUR CHILD'S
DAYSPRING STORY BEGINS



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Noah Webster Says

EDUCA'TION, noun [Latin educatio.] The bringing up, as of a child, instruction; formation of manners. Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations. To give children a good education in manners, arts and science, is important; **to give them a religious education is indispensable;** and an immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties.

**All definitions are drawn from Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of the American English Language, the official dictionary of Dayspring Christian Academy and the Principle Approach.*

The Dayspring Christian Academy experience begins with our Early Childhood Education program.

FROM PRESCHOOL ON UP, GOD'S WORD IS LAID AS THE FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE (PROVERBS 1.7). Our Early Childhood Education program is the first tier of the Principle Approach® method of education. Our preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten build on each other in reading, writing, history, literature, Bible, and science while the IDEA! program provides supplemental learning.

WHAT IS THE PRINCIPLE APPROACH? The word of God is the very core of the Principle Approach philosophy. Where others may champion biblical worldview in Christian education, only Dayspring Christian Academy's Principle Approach methodology involves a dynamic search for and application of biblical truth as it relates to this life—and beyond.

This is where your child's Dayspring story begins.

Preschool Program

Dayspring's preschool program begins to lay the foundation to a Principle Approach education, which is America's historic, biblical method of education that was prevalent during the founding era of our nation. Students learn to think and reason from biblical principles and apply them to every area of life.

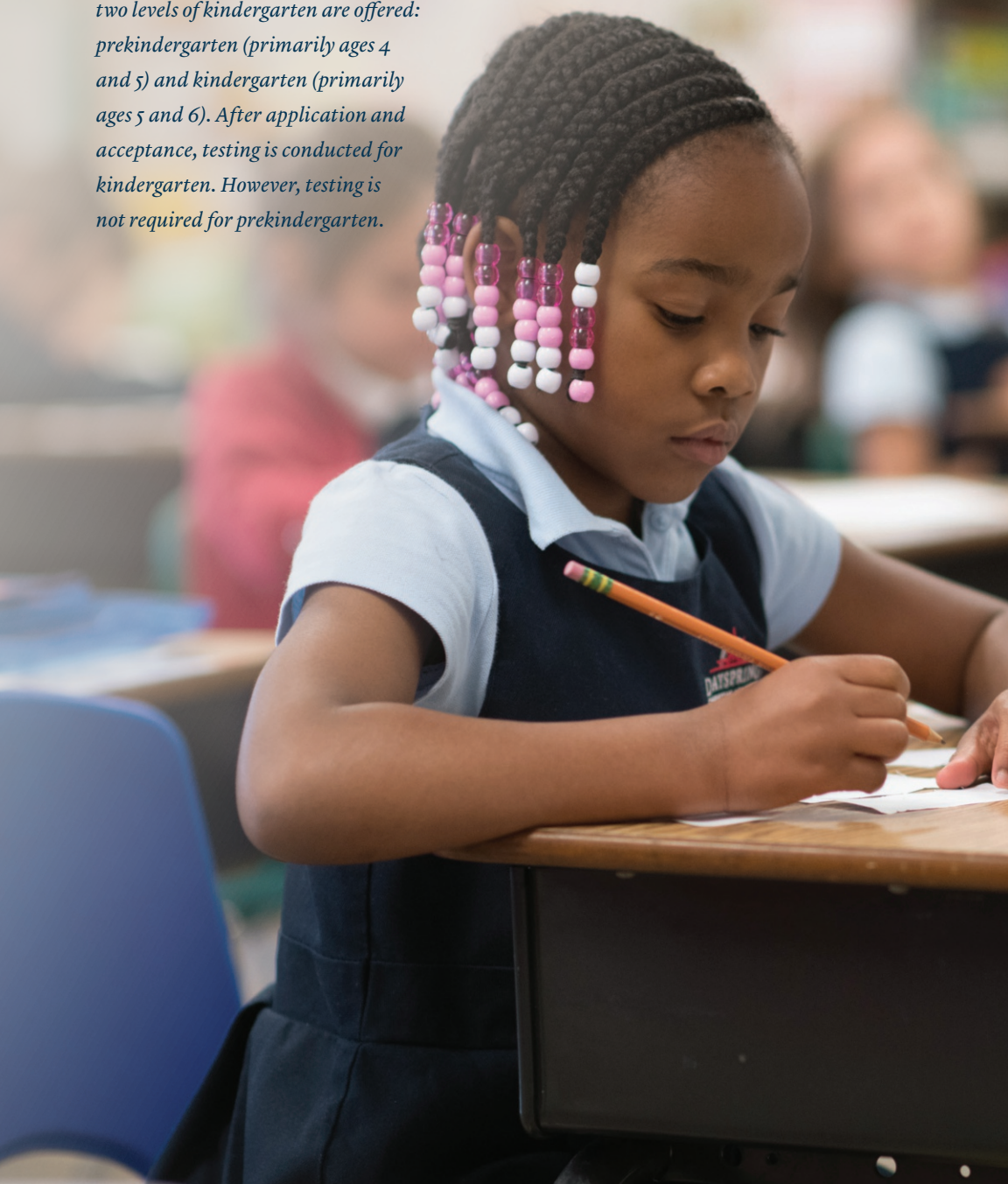
Dayspring's Preschool Program Includes:

- **INTRODUCTION TO THE ALPHABET.** Students learn a Bible hero for each letter of the alphabet, culminating with Bible character day—complete with costume.
- **AGE-APPROPRIATE** history, science, literature, and math lessons are woven together and rooted in God's Word.
- **GUIDED FREE PLAY** incorporates principles of self-government, order, and unity.
- **CIRCLE TIME** incorporates songs, calendar, weather, colors, and Bible stories.
- **DAILY ART PROJECTS** incorporate the history, science, Bible, and literature focus.
- **YOUR CHILD IS LOVED** by our preschool teachers who are warm, friendly, and love the Lord.

*Preschool is held on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m.
Dayspring Christian Academy offers preschool programs for
children who are 3 by September 1.*



At Dayspring Christian Academy, two levels of kindergarten are offered: prekindergarten (primarily ages 4 and 5) and kindergarten (primarily ages 5 and 6). After application and acceptance, testing is conducted for kindergarten. However, testing is not required for prekindergarten.



Kindergarten Programs

Using our historic, academically rigorous biblical method of education that helped to forge our nation, Dayspring Christian Academy offers a refreshing answer to families who seriously desire to launch their child's education in a loving, nurturing environment. Our three-day kindergarten classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and may be supplemented on Tuesdays and Thursdays with our IDEA! program.

Purpose of our Kindergarten Programs:

- **TO FORTIFY THE LOVE FOR GOD** that is being taught at home.
- **TO ASSIST PARENTS** in training their child in Christian manners and habits.
- **TO INSTILL A LOVE** for the special gift of learning that God has given to each of us.
- **TO BEGIN** the process of fitting the child for usefulness in his/her future.

Self-Government

At the heart of a Dayspring education is character development, which is unique to the Principle Approach. In our prekindergarten and kindergarten programs, students focus on the Principle of Self-Government (self-control). From a very young age, students learn that the degree of liberty they enjoy is determined by their ability to govern themselves. This self-government begins in the heart as students study God's Word and begin to understand true liberty. As they grow, they learn how this applies governmentally and how self-government was the foundation of our nation.

Prekindergarten

Students who are 4 years old or just turned 5 step in to the wonder of learning in Dayspring's prekindergarten program. These young learners transition to school in an activity-oriented environment as the structure and rigors of a formal classroom setting are introduced.



As your child's story begins to unfold, students learn to look to God in each subject area, so that faith is not compartmentalized but is instrumental in the way your child views the world.

In addition to the first steps in to scholarship, students are taught foundational principles of the Principle Approach. For example, the Principle of Individuality teaches students that there is one God who is sovereign over all Creation. They learn that everything in God's universe is an expression of His character, His nature, His individuality. As part of this, students behold the wonder of God's power as they study Creation and all that God made as well as how sin entered the world and God's plan for us to be reconciled to Him.

PREKINDERGARTEN *Curriculum*

- Students begin formal steps toward reading through the Sound Sensible® program.
- Classical literature focus is on the life and works of Beatrix Potter and a study of Mother Goose rhymes including a dress-up day of characters.
- Students memorize a verse from the Bible representing each letter of the alphabet.
- Science comes to life and students learn to problem solve as they learn through the STEM program.
- Students begin work in foundational math.
- Physical education plays a key role in learning in each day's activities.
- Technology comes in to the classroom in relevant, age-appropriate use.

Kindergarten

As students move in to the traditional setting of a kindergarten classroom, truly their educational story is being written. What will lay at the foundation of their learning? Will it be the secular mandate or will it be set deep in soil that will grow into a biblical worldview?

In Dayspring's kindergarten program, children begin to learn the rudiments of the subjects like science, history, and geography. They view God as the author of every subject with a purpose and plan for each in our modern world. They begin to record their learning in their own hand and even begin to reason from the Bible in every subject area. This intentional method of teaching and learning teaches students to think and reason, not just regurgitate facts.

Practically, students learn to read through the Writing Road to Reading, where all elements of the English language are integrated in spelling, writing, and reading lessons. It includes phonemic awareness, systematic phonics, high-frequency vocabulary, grammar, and more. Classical literature is implemented as students study A.A. Milne's literary classic and children's favorite Winnie the Pooh.



KINDERGARTEN *Curriculum*

- A Classical literature focus on studying A.A. Milne's literary classic (and children's favorite), Winnie the Pooh
- The Writing Road to Reading® literacy program is introduced
- In Science, students take an exciting look at the five senses, study the solar system, and learn about mammals and reptiles. Many units culminate in field studies.
- The study of the Bible is focused on developing character. Students study the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5), identify internal and external character traits, and delve into God's Principle of Individuality
- Technology is incorporated into the classroom curriculum
- Music, Art, P.E., and STEM education are included

IDEA!

INSPIRE! DISCOVER! EXPLORE! ACHIEVE!

Dayspring's prekindergarten and kindergarten programs are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. For parents who desire to supplement these or who simply need a five-day option, IDEA! is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. So what is the big idea behind IDEA!? Take a look!

INSPIRE

- To offer a community style of learning where children are able to share their ideas while also learning to listen to their neighbor.
- To offer students a time where they can seek to apply biblical principles from direct Bible reading to their lives.

DISCOVER

- To expand the student's knowledge in the areas of science and history and put into practice all they have

learned through the use of STEM, collaborative group projects, history character studies, as well as other creative avenues.

EXPLORE

- To give students an opportunity to explore their God-given creative abilities through art, drama, and music.

ACHIEVE

- To allow students to capitalize on language, spelling, and math skills already learned and to further their individual abilities in these foundational skills.



IDEA!

Curriculum



Students work on phonemic awareness, rhyming words, beginning sounds, letter recognition, beginning reading skills, and more to advance students' reading ability. Students study numbers 1–100, simple addition, patterns, telling time, and more. All activities are developmental and age appropriate for each student.



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