
Our Goals & Objectives

It is our goal at North Metro to provide a well-rounded Kindergarten experience, to pursue excellence in academic knowledge and skills, and to nurture the spiritual well-being of your child. We will prepare your child for first grade, whether it is public or private.

We base our learning objectives on the GPS, Georgia Performance Standards, as well as Gwinnett County's AKS, Academic Knowledge and Skills. The GPS are the educational objectives laid out by the state of Georgia for all grade levels and subject areas. Each school system takes these objectives, which must be addressed, and develops guidelines for their program. Gwinnett County calls their set of objectives the AKS. We hold our school to these same challenging standards.

Parent Referral

All three of our children attended North Metro during their preschool years and continued on through kindergarten. We loved the idea of the half day program and the fact that they would continue to get to go to chapel and be in a Christian setting. We also loved the small class size and the fact that there would be a teacher and a teacher's assistant with them all day. Each of our children left kindergarten well prepared to enter first grade in a public school setting. Not only were they prepared academically, but their hearts were filled with the many Bible stories and verses they had memorized which helped them to know that God loved them and helped them to make better choices in their daily lives.

Our middle son had an August 31st birthday, so he was the very youngest in his class. Because of this, we put him in the transition kindergarten class. It was definitely the right decision for him. He had that extra year to work on his social, emotional, academic and those fine motor skills that he was lacking because of that late birthday. This made his transition into kindergarten very smooth. He also then had the benefit of becoming the oldest in the class, rather than the youngest... which he thought was pretty cool. We highly recommend the transition class especially for boys with summer birthdays. The program is excellent. Kim Vincent, former CDC/CK parent

Evaluations, Testing, and Assessments

- Before acceptance into the NM Christian Kindergarten program, every child must complete an evaluation given by NM teachers. If we feel we are not a good fit for your child, you will receive a full refund of your registration payment.
 - Every enrolled child is evaluated at the beginning of the school year. This will serve as a baseline.
 - Students are assessed frequently and the results help to mold curriculum, based on students' needs.
 - We evaluate for report cards in November, February, and May. There will be parent conferences in November and February.
 - At the end of the year, parents will receive a folder containing all assessment material. Additional copies will be mailed out upon request.
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Dates & Fees

Open House for enrolled students will be Thursday, August 12. The first day of school will be Monday, August 16. The days and hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm.

We believe our school offers a first-rate program while keeping tuition costs minimal and affordable. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$230 due at the time of application.

The August tuition payment of \$145 will be due by July 1, 2020 to hold your spot in the program. Your subsequent monthly payments of \$300 will be due September-May. The class size will not exceed 16 and with this number there is a full time assistant teacher.



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Phonics and Math

North Metro uses Saxon Phonics and Kindergarten Math for our curriculum. These are excellent programs. We feel every child needs a good foundation in phonics to help foster good reading strategies. It is our goal for your child to end kindergarten as an emergent reader.

Reading/Spelling

Learning to read is a major component of our curriculum. We use the Fry list which is made up of 600 most frequently used words in our spoken and written language.

In our Kindergarten, students read and are read to every day in class, and we encourage parents to read more at home.

Computer Technology

Children will learn the basics of a computer along with the functions and proper care. By playing a variety of age-appropriate games, different computing skills will be learned.

Handwriting

At North Metro, we use block lettering or manuscript handwriting. Gwinnett County and many other private schools use these methods of instruction. Students will learn to write “stories” throughout the year using inventive spelling. Our goal is for each child to write a 3-sentence story by the end of the year.

Bible/Chapel

Each week we focus on a specific Bible story, Bible character, or book of the Bible. We want your child to become familiar with the Bible and its truths. Chapel is held every Wednesday in the fellowship hall. Our CK students lead in the pledges and recite their memory scripture. They will learn Bible facts, books of the New Testament, and the Ten Commandments. They will also lead in our praise time

Music & Movement

Research studies show that **Music and Movement** play an important, developing role in your child’s life. In our music class, the children will learn to appreciate the art of music through a variety of activities, such as playing rhythm instruments, coordination exercises, listening games, and singing. The children perform two musical programs that we invite the parents to attend. The children will also sing for our Ladies Bible Study during the fall and spring.

Spanish

We will informally introduce Spanish as a foreign language. Concepts such as colors, numbers, greetings, and basic vocabulary will be taught.

“Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.”

Proverbs 22:6

Student Behavior Rules

As we strive to teach our students Christ-like behavior, we know that discipline is needed to mold a student’s character. It is a process that requires time and patience, with the ultimate goal of having a child’s own good choices being his or her own reward.

Rules help children know what’s expected of them. We have color-coded rules in place that will be explained in detail to the children. Consequences of good/bad choices will also be explained to the children and parents.

There will be regular communication regarding your child’s choices and behavior. A signed parental contract will be required and is attached to the registration form.

Schedule

Our day will follow this suggested schedule:

- Morning Work
- Calendar
- Phonics
- Reading Groups
- Math
- Lunch
- Bible Story and Prayer Time
- Recess
- Music (twice a week)

Children bring their own lunch and backpack.

Parental Involvement

In order to achieve maximum success in our program, we ask you to be committed to working with your child at home. Homework includes learning sight words, reviewing spelling words, reading daily, and learning personal information. Our day is packed full of learning but extra attention is needed in these areas. Additionally, there will be times that you will be asked to volunteer in the classroom.