



Harvest City  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

# KINDERGARTEN INFO PACK

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## The Kindergarten Program

At Harvest City Christian Academy we believe in developing the whole child — socially, physically, intellectually, and spiritually. Our vision is to educate children through Biblical values, character building, and academic excellence. Our small class sizes allow the teacher to spend time with individual students — to give them the attention and instruction they need — to have a positive start to their school experience.

### Experience

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Play                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Imaginative Play         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literacy & Numeracy Foundations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Activity Centered Environment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field Trips              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stories                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art Activities                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Games                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role Play                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show and Tell            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Visitors                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapel                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christmas Program        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bible Study                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K-7 Year End Celebration |

The classroom offers a mixture of structured and play based activities. Our program is based on the Saskatchewan Curriculum and will help your child build essential skills and understanding to become a life-long learner.

### Development

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coordination    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharing               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehension       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Math Skills     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confidence            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biblical Values     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Speaking Skills | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independence          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christian Character |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concentration   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision Making       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperation         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creativity      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Appreciation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Work Habits    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respect For Others  |

**OUR GOAL IS  
FOR SCHOOL  
AND HOME TO  
WORK AS A  
TEAM TO  
MODEL AND  
INSTILL  
POSITIVE  
VALUES.**



HCCA is about God, Children, Families, Community, Learning, and Inclusion

## OUR MISSION

To assist parents by providing a quality, Bible-based education in a Christian environment. This is accomplished by nurturing each child to grow spiritually, academically, socially, and physically, with an emphasis on Christian values and character development.



Vision: to see young people raised up to be Godly leaders in society

## A TEACHER'S PRAYER

*I want to teach my students how—  
To live this life on earth,  
To face its struggles and its strife  
And to improve their worth.*

*Not just the lesson in a book,  
Or how the rivers flow,  
But to choose the proper path,  
Wherever they may go.*

*To understand eternal truth,  
And know right from wrong,  
And gather all the beauty of  
A flower and a song,*

*For if I help the world to grow  
In wisdom and grace,  
Then I feel that I have won  
And I have filled my place.*

*And so I ask your guidance, God  
That I may do my part,  
For character and confidence  
And happiness of heart.*

~ James J. Metcalf

## Student Goals

Throughout your child's year in kindergarten you can expect to see the following things happen:

- ☑ Your child will learn about the Bible, Prayer, Worship, and have the opportunity to grow in their faith.
- ☑ Your child will learn to think of others and respect those around him/her.
- ☑ Your child will realize that we are all created equal — despite our colour, background, or culture.
- ☑ Your child will learn that school is a safe, pleasant and fun place to be.
- ☑ Your child will increase in their understanding of the world around them.
- ☑ Your child will increase in his/her ability to communicate.
- ☑ Your child will work independently and take initiative.

## Why Choose HCCA Kindergarten?

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| ☑ High academic standards   | ☑ Caring staff who focus on student's academic success, well-being, and personal growth |
| ☑ Strong emphasis on developing responsibility and leadership qualities from an early age | ☑ Emphasis on respecting others   |
| ☑ Christian content integrated with Saskatchewan curriculum                               | ☑ Treating others as we want to be treated  |
| ☑ Opportunity to develop and mature in a safe, accepting environment                      | ☑ Small class size fosters more individual attention and instruction                    |



Making learning fun

## Days of Kindergarten

Tuesday — all day

Thursday — all day

Scheduled Fridays — all day (a calendar will be provided to you.)

### PLEASE NOTE:

If registration is high, a second class will be added. If this occurs the school days will be Monday (all day), Wednesday (all day) and alternating Fridays (all day) according to the calendar you will receive.

The second class will run Tuesday (all day), Thursday (all day) and alternating Fridays (all day) according to the calendar. If this occurs you will be asked what your preference is and we will do our best to accommodate all families.

## A Typical Day in Kindergarten:

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| 8:45  | Bell rings (kids come in and unpack)              |
| 8:55  | Class begins (morning routine)                    |
| 9:00  | Literacy lessons and activities                   |
| 10:00 | Play centers                                      |
| 10:30 | Snack   |
| 10:50 | Recess  |
| 11:10 | Gym   |
| 11:40 | Library or guided reading                         |
| 12:15 | Lunch   |
| 12:45 | Recess  |
| 1:15  | Numeracy/Science/ or Social lesson and Activities |
| 2:40  | Play Centers                                      |
| 3:05  | Snack and pack up                                 |
| 3:26  | Home Time!  |



Preparing our children for success starts early.

## Preparing Your Child:

1. Read, read, and then read some more! The more books your child is exposed to the better.
2. After you read together, ask your child different questions about the characters, setting, or plot. Comprehension is a key component in learning to read.
3. Whenever you read a new book together for the first time, ask your child to predict what they think will happen next.
4. Letters are all around us. Point out different letters everywhere you go—signs, cereal boxes, mail etc.
5. Play “Go Fish” using alphabet cards. This is a great way to practice identifying letters.
6. Practice writing the names of other family members. Tracing, copying, or even creating the letters from objects are great ways to do this.
7. Count, count, and then count some more!
8. Practice printing and copying different numbers. Get creative!

Also, remember that children learn through play. Provide as many opportunities as possible for creative play. Talk to them about what they are playing. Role play and foster imagination!

**SOWING GOD'S TRUTH. GROWING YOUNG LIVES. REAPING RIGHT LIVING!**



# A Kindergartner Should Know:

**Before entering Kindergarten, there are some key things your child should endeavor to know:**

- ☑ Their first and last name
- ☑ Their parents first and last names
- ☑ How to print their name, beginning with a capital, followed by the lowercase letters
- ☑ Their telephone number and address
- ☑ How to clean up their toys when they have finished playing
- ☑ They should be able to perform simple household tasks. For example: setting the table
- ☑ How to go to the bathroom, flush toilet, and wash hands independently
- ☑ They should be able to draw a picture, and then tell a story about it (even if it just looks like scribbles to you)
- ☑ They should be able to sit and listen while someone reads them a story
- ☑ They should be able to play nicely with other children and be able to share
- ☑ They should be able to zip up their own jacket and get dressed for outdoor winter play.



## The First Day:

Many different feelings can be present for both students and parents on the first day. As an adult you may feel excited, and also feel a sense of loss. You may feel worried about many aspects of your child heading off to school. Your child may also feel worried, as well as excited and ready for a new adventure — especially if they know what to expect.

### BEFORE THE FIRST DAY:

Talk to your child about their new school, their teacher's name, and new routines. Get your child used to a healthy bedtime and morning routine that will be necessary for a good school day. Enough sleep and good nutrition play an important part in a student's learning.

### THE FIRST DAY:

It's important that parents remain calm and try not to be overly worried or excited for your child. When you say goodbye make it *quick, light, and reassuring*. An upbeat, "have a great day and I'll see you in a little while." is a good way to part. If you feel a temporary sense of loss, plan a special activity for yourself to look forward to. Experience tells us that parents often have a more difficult time than their children on the first day of Kindergarten!

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our school and registration

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**Register Now!**



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Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."