

Monroe Christian School Knights in Training



Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Programs

Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Welcome!

Thank you for exploring the educational possibilities at Monroe Christian School. In addition to our K-8th grade program, we offer a wonderful early childhood education program with teachers who genuinely care for, encourage, and challenge each student. Our teachers see the possibilities and potential of every child and will challenge your child to grow spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually.

- Spiritual Development - Your child will experience God's love in a setting that is saturated with the belief that every child is God's precious child. Each child is treated with love and respect. Your child will come to understand that God loves them and He has a special plan for their life.
- Emotional Development - Your child will play with and learn alongside other children their age and be actively engaged in their learning. They will develop friendships and feel like they belong. They will see themselves as capable and responsible.
- Social Development - Your child will see that our world is a big and exciting place full of unique people, places, and challenges. Along with other children, they will work in groups, communicate, cooperate, follow directions, and negotiate.
- Physical Development - Your child will grow confident in their ability to run, skip, climb, draw, build, and write. They will be provided a variety of activities that strengthen large and small muscles.
- Intellectual Development - Your child will participate in a wide variety of activities. They will learn new songs, listen and tell stories. They will draw, paint, and express themselves creatively. They will be exposed to the educational building blocks that create a solid foundation for their future.

We are excited to partner with you, your family, and your child as you take this exciting step in your child's development.

With Warm Regards,

Elaine Obbink
Administrator
Monroe Christian School

Monroe Christian School Knights are:

K – Knowledge Builders

- Take it and make it your own!
- Aim high!
- Be curious!

N – Networkers

- Work together!

i – innovators

- Try new things!
- Never give up!

G – Gospel Believers

- “In” - Learn about God!
- “Up” - Pray first!
- “Out” - Share Jesus with others!

H – Helpers

- We are Jesus’ hands and feet!

T – Thinkers

- Stop!
- Think!
- Connect!
- Understand!

S – Solution Seekers

- What do I need to solve?
- How?
- Be persistent!



introduction to MCS

Our Mission Statement

Monroe Christian School is a Christ-centered community, engaging, equipping, and empowering God's children for joyful service in His Kingdom.

Our Vision Statement

We at Monroe Christian School partner with Christian homes and churches to nurture and equip God's children. We recognize that Jesus Christ is sovereign over all creation and has created each child with unique abilities, gifts, and talents. Our purpose is to develop and encourage growth in every area of their lives; spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically, according to God's Word and relying on the Holy Spirit. Through this process, children will develop a Christian perspective of life that will enable them to critically weigh the issues of the day and lead them into faithful stewardship of God's world and into a life of joyful service.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will." Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Philosophy of Monroe Christian School

Monroe Christian School was established for the purpose of providing a school that would teach a way of life compatible with that held at home. The establishment of the Christian School rejects the secular philosophy that man is the center of the universe and acknowledges God as the Creator of all things. It establishes the Word of God as the plumb line for all learning. Monroe Christian School believes that our lives, as Christians, are lived within the Kingdom of Jesus Christ here on earth. This "world and life view" does not separate us from the present world, but helps us see it in the light of God's Word as revealed to us by His Holy Spirit.

The instruction at Monroe Christian School is aimed at showing how to lead a life of service to God and our fellow man within the framework of the world in which we live.

The aim of Monroe Christian School is academic excellence in the tradition of both Christianity and education. Providing the best education within a Christian context is the goal of the leadership and staff at Monroe Christian School. Through textbooks, instruction, and staff members, the students are led to understand how the truths of the Kingdom differ from the world in which they live.

What will my child learn in Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten?



Learning About God

- I can listen to and act out Bible stories.
- I can sing.
- I can attend weekly Chapel with my Big Buddy.
- I can experience God's unfailing love.



Learning About Self

- I can share and take turns.
- I can follow directions.
- I can learn to work together.
- I can follow the daily routine.
- I can own my actions.
- I can consider others and their feelings.
- I can delight in the person God has created me to be.



Learning At School

- *Enhance fine motor skills and gross motor skills:*
 - I can use art supplies: scissors, paints, crayons, glue, etc.
 - I can build puzzles.
 - I can exercise through outdoor and indoor play.
- *Set a foundation in pre-math concepts:*
 - I can trace and write numbers and shapes.
 - I can recognize numbers and count.
 - I can identify colors and shapes.
 - I can create and recognize patterns.
- *Set a foundation for reading:*
 - I can recognize, trace, and print the letters of the alphabet.
 - I can print my name.
 - I can learn the sounds of the alphabet.
 - I can understand opposites.
 - I can foster a love for learning.
- *Set a foundation for science:*
 - I can begin to understand God's creation through lessons on insects, ponds, space, etc.
 - I can learn new vocabulary.



Sample Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Routine

- Welcome / Table Project and Manipulatives / Books
- Flag Salute / Prayer / Calendar / Attendance
- Letters & Literacy
- Handwriting
- Indoor Play
- Clean-up / Restroom / Prayer / Snack
- Bible / Music
- Project / Craft
- Outdoor Play
- Math
- Pack-up / Meet Parents

This routine remains flexible and changes according to classroom needs.
Additional restroom breaks are taken as needed.

Sample Themes for Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
September	Friends Johnny Appleseed	Me and My Family Johnny Appleseed
October	Forest Daddy & Me Harvest Party	Fall Daddy & Me Harvest Party Rainforest
November	Transportation Thanksgiving	Ponds Thanksgiving
December	Jesus – Christmas	Jesus – Christmas
January	Space	Winter
February	Insects Grandparent Event Valentine's Day	Community Workers Grandparent Event Valentine's Day
March	Oceans	Nursery Rhymes
April	Birds Easter	Spring Easter
May	Gardens Mother's Day Tea	Desert Mother's Day Tea
June	Dinosaurs	Mexico

What will my child learn in Kindergarten?



Learning about God and the stories of God's people helps me see my place in His story.
(*Christian Schools International Bible Curriculum*)

- God shows His love through creation
- Our need for God's love
- Jesus' ministry
- Jesus' miracles
- Jesus' parables
- Christmas
- Easter and Ascension
- God's love for His church



Reading opens my imagination and helps me to learn, think, and evaluate.
(*K-Wac – Kindergarten Word Attack Course*)

- Concepts of print
- Phonemic awareness
- Fluency
- Comprehension
- Writing –
 - Writing with invented spelling
 - Phonics - *Go for the Code* (Educators Publishing Service)
 - Vocabulary - *Wordly Wise* (Educators Publishing Service)
- Information skills
- Reading environmental print
- Reading is fun!



Handwriting and writing are important means of communication to share ideas and convictions.

(*Curriculum: Handwriting Without Tears*)

- Multi-sensory lessons
- Review and mastery activities
- "Write and Check" strategies

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Math shows me the order that exists in this world and helps me understand numbers.
(Curriculum: *Singapore Math*)

- Matching and sorting
- Numbers
- Ordering numbers
- Shapes
- Patterns
- Comparing sets
- Measurements
- Comparing numbers
- Number bonds
- Addition and subtraction



Science helps me see God's fingerprints all over His creation. Science helps me ask questions, make predictions, and find solutions.

- Zoo animals
- Farm animals
- Apples
- Pumpkins
- Leaves
- Plants and seeds
- Weather
- Observing matter
- Movement and sound
- Energy



Social Studies shows me that God places me in community. I live, learn, and celebrate together with others. Our community is diverse and global.

- Historical events
- Community
- Countries
- Customs
- Holidays



Sample Kindergarten Routine

- Pledges
- Morning Meeting (Calendar, etc.)
- Bible
- Math
- Snack
- Recess
- Wordly Wise
- Reading
- Handwriting
- Lunch
- Recess
- Read Aloud
- K-Wac
- Science / Social Studies / Music
- Recess
- P.E. / Art / Literature & Learning
- Afternoon Wrap-Up
- Dismissal

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*Ready to enroll?
We would love your family
to join our family!*

In order to enroll in one of our programs, your child must meet the age requirement below by September 30th of the current school year:

Preschool	Three (3) years old (and able to use the restroom independently)
Pre-Kindergarten	Four (4) years old
Kindergarten	Five (5) years old

Complete the necessary forms in the Registration Packet and return them to the school office with your registration fee. Space is limited and held on a first-come, first-served basis. We can only confirm a space if we have all necessary forms completed and registration fee paid.

If you do not have a Registration Packet, call or stop by the office – we'll be happy to assist you.

*Not sure yet?
Here's what you can do!*

- Call the office to ask questions: 360-794-8200.
- Schedule a visit during school to observe the class, ask questions of the teachers, and allow your child to see what MCS is like.
- Check out our website: www.monroechristian.com.
- Come to the Preschool & Pre-K Open House or Kindergarten Preview Day.

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