



Fayetteville Christian School

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Elementary School Profile

Fayetteville Christian School is the only independent college-preparatory Christian school in the Fayetteville area. First opening in 1986 with Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, the school graduated its first senior class in 1994. FCS is now one of the largest Christian schools in the area, with approximately 750 students. FCS is non-denominational, with students representing local Christian churches from many faith traditions.

Our mission is *“To train students to think, live, and lead as Christians based upon a Biblical worldview.”* For this reason, our teachers are committed to challenging students intellectually, spiritually, and practically so they are prepared to understand, express, and live their faith.

Accreditation

FCS is fully accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Cognia.

1st Grade

Music, songs, and movement are a part of all subjects as young learners need to be actively engaged.

Bible

1st grade studies familiar Bible characters and events that illustrate God’s gifts, such as family, leaders, helpers, His Word, His Son, and His Church. We have weekly Bible tests, and a weekly memory verse test. The memory verse is recited orally.

Chapel

1st - 5th graders worship weekly in Chapel. Chapel is a corporate time for students to be encouraged and challenged as they grow in their understanding of God’s purpose for their life.

Teacher + Assistant

Early education classrooms utilize the partnership of the classroom teacher and an assistant.

Interactive Classroom

FCS utilizes Mimio technology in our classrooms. This allows for more student engagement in whole group teaching. We also use Chromebooks for students to take learning to the next level via online learning, applications, and Google Classroom.

Spelling

FCS utilizes grade-appropriate lists which help students recognize word relationships and structural patterns in words. Weekly tests are given.

Rainbow Words

The 210 sight words need to be mastered before students begin Accelerated Reader (AR).

Phonics/Reading/Handwriting

FCS differentiates reading groups. We utilize four centers (reading group/library/writing/spelling) during the literacy time each day.

Accelerated Reader

Students begin to participate in AR once they have mastered their rainbow words. We have a celebration every quarter for those students that reach their goal. We try to make sure every 1st grader reaches their goal by giving time during class to take tests, and having DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time.

Social Studies (1st Semester)

Study of the family, community, state, country, our country’s capital; and the founding of our nation and people, including Native Americans, Christopher Columbus, Jamestown, and Plymouth, as well as the comparison of long ago.

Science (2nd Semester)

We study God’s Creation, what science is, what scientists do, plants, animals, the human body, earth and space, seasons, weather, energy, and sound. Students conduct simple experiments and STEM activities. Tests are given at the end of each unit.

Math

Review of foundational numeracy is essential. Utilizing manipulatives and real life experiences, students learn about place value, addition, subtraction, counting money, telling time, basic geometry, measurement, and fractions. Tests are given at the end of each unit.

Specials

Physical Education, Music, Art, Spanish, Library, and *Keyboarding without Tears*.

Recess

Recess time is essential as young learners need daily gross motor exercise and are always developing social skills through play.