



# Fayetteville Christian School

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## Elementary

Fayetteville Christian School is the only independent college-preparatory Christian school in the area. First opening in 1986 with Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, the school graduated its first senior class in 1994 and is now one of the largest Christian schools in the area with approximately 600 students. 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. FCS is a nondenominational school with students representing over 100 local churches.

<b>Accreditation</b>	<b>Social Studies (1st Semester)</b>
FCS is fully accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and AdvancED.	Study of the family, community, state, country, our country's capital, Native Americans, Christopher Columbus, Jamestown, Plymouth, and the comparison of long ago.
<b>1st Grade</b>	<b>Science (2nd Semester)</b>
Music, songs, and movement are a part of all subjects as young learners need to be actively engaged.	Study of the 5 senses, weather, seasons, health/safety, tame and wild animals, matter, sound, sun/moon/stars, plants, pushes and pulls. Students conduct various experiments.
<b>Teacher + Assistant</b>	<b>Spelling</b>
Early education classrooms utilize the partnership of the classroom teacher and an assistant.	FCS utilizes grade appropriate lists which help students recognize word relationships and structural patterns in words. Weekly tests are given.
<b>Bible</b>	<b>Specials</b>
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 we give a weekly memory verse test. The memory verse is recited orally.	PE, Music, Tech Time, and Library
<b>Phonics/Reading/Handwriting</b>	<b>Recess</b>
FCS differentiates reading groups. We utilize 4 centers (reading group/library/writing/spelling) during the literacy time each day.	Recess time is essential as young learners need daily gross motor exercise and are always developing social skills through play.
<b>Rainbow Words</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
The 210 sight words need to be mastered before students begin Accelerated Reader (AR).	1st - 5th grades 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.
<b>Accelerated Reading</b>	<b>Interactive Classroom</b>
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 and make sure every 1st grader reaches their goal by giving time during class to take tests and having DEAR (drop everything and read) time.	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.
<b>Math</b>	
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.	