



Young 5's/Kindergarten



The Cross Creek Student Creed

I am an important part of
Cross Creek Charter
Academy.

I will do my personal best
today.

I will treat others the way I
want to be treated.

I will make excellent choices
in my schoolwork, behavior,
and play.

I will make this world a
better place because of
what I do today.

To enroll your child at
Cross Creek Charter Academy,
please visit the school for an
application or apply at
CrossCreekCharterAcademy.org

Program Overview

We believe that college preparation begins when students start school. National Heritage Academies has developed a college preparatory curriculum which is built around our mission to “Challenge each child to achieve...” We accomplish college opportunity through our four pillars: **Academic Excellence, Parent Partnerships, Moral Character, and Student Responsibility**. Whether it is Kindergarten or Young Fives, a solid start with college as a goal is paramount to a child’s successful education.

Young Fives Kindergarten is strongly encouraged for students who will turn five between April 1 and September 1. It is a full day, every day program that is designed to give students who are age eligible; the gift of a year. This is accomplished by providing students with an individualized environment to help facilitate the various learning needs of each child before they enter a Kindergarten program.

A thematic approach is used to foster critical thinking skills and to give a hands on approach for the emergent reader. Students will also be exposed to Art, Music, PE, and Technology. The program is designed for a younger learner, not a delayed learner. These students need a multi-sensory strategy that fosters teamwork and social skills so they adjust successfully to the educational setting of school.

Kindergarten is a full day, every day program that is built on the acquisition of literacy skills and math concepts. The bar is set high in an effort to give students a head start on their future—to high school, college, and beyond.

Kindergarten is a well rounded program that includes Art, Music, PE, and Technology. The curriculum focuses on phonemic awareness, fluency, and expanding their vocabulary. Mathematical concepts and reasoning are further developed to prepare students for the rigors of algebra and geometry. Students will conduct hands-on scientific investigations and learn the classification of animals. In social studies, they'll learn American history, economics, geography and their place in society.

Students in Kindergarten are generally older than those in Young Fives .

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Emphasizing Positive Behavior through a Social Contract

Each one of our classrooms creates a social contract which all students follow. The contract is a classroom commitment written by students to hold themselves accountable for their behavior and to support the four building-wide rules: "Be Safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Nice." Four simple questions are used by our staff to enforce these rules and redirect our students: 1. What are you doing? 2. What are you supposed to be doing? 3. Are you doing it? 4. What are you going to do about it?



Daily Schedule

A typical Young Fives Kindergarten day may include:

- 8:00 Arrival/Busy Boxes
- 8:20 Circle Time (Good News, Calendar, Pledges)
- 8:35 ELA-Phonics, Jolly Jingles, Phonemic Awareness
- 9:00 Special (PE, Art, Music, Library, Technology)
- 9:45 Bathroom Break
- 10:00 ELA-Literacy
- 10:15 Workshop Stations/Snack
- 10:45 Math
- 11:15 Lunch/Recess
- 12:00 Quiet Time (rest, read, draw)
- 12:40 Social Studies/Science
- 1:10 Centers/Snack
- 2:15 Moral Focus
- 2:30 Recess
- 3:00 Dismissal/Launch



A typical Kindergarten day may include:

- 8:00 Good News/Calendar and Math Meeting
- 8:20 Language Arts (Table Time/Letter People/Daily Five Literacy Centers)
- 9:10 Bathroom/Drinks/Snack
- 9:25 Math
- 9:45 Special (Music, Art, PE, Technology, Spanish, Library)
- 10:30 Social Studies/Science
- 10:50 Writer's Workshop
- 11:15 Lunch
- 11:35 Gross/Fine Motor Activities
- 11:50 Handwriting/Music and Motion/Brain Gym
- 12:00 Read Aloud
- 12:20 Recess
- 12:40 Read to Self/Peer
- 1:00 Workshop/Center Time/Afternoon Snack
- 2:25 Recess
- 2:30 Moral Focus
- 2:50 Community Meeting
- 3:00 Dismissal/Launch