

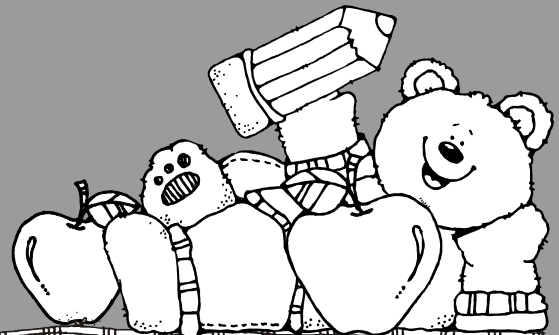
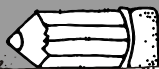
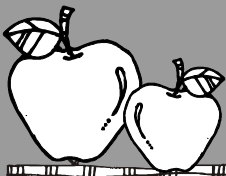


Regent Christian Academy

**Primary School
Kindergarten Program**

**PARENT
HANDBOOK**

2011—2012





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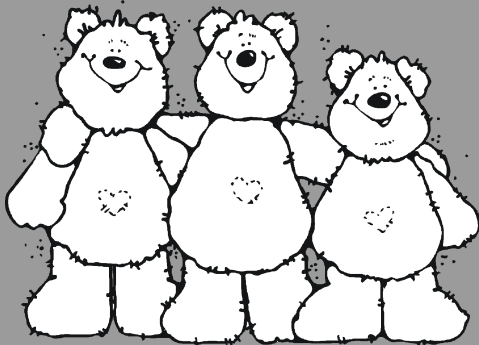
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Our Kindergarten Program

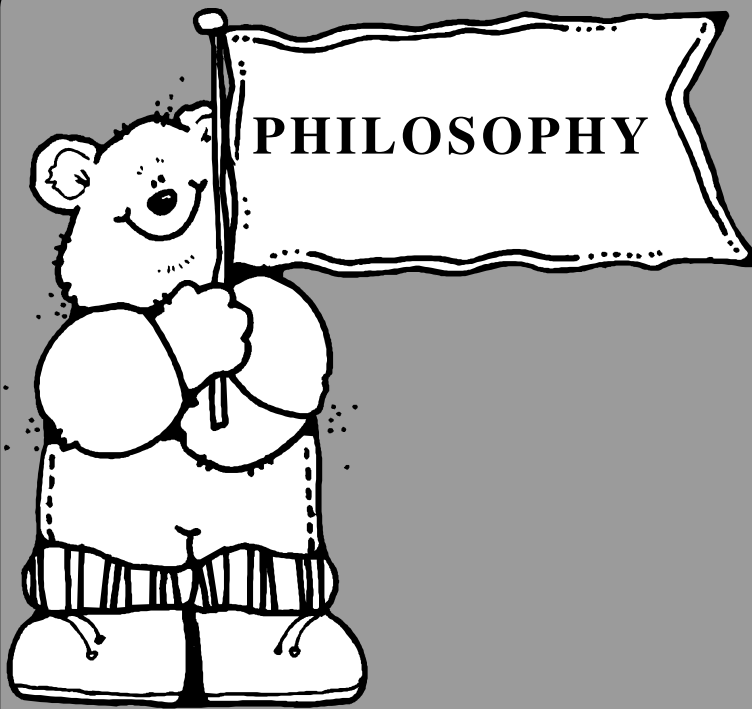
Thank you for considering Regent Christian Academy for your child. Our **KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM** is designed to be fun, stimulating and full of age-appropriate learning. We endeavour to meet your child's needs in all areas of his/her development: spiritual, emotional, intellectual, creative, and physical. We support our families by providing a nurturing environment in which love for the Lord and desire to live a life pleasing to Him is modeled and encouraged.



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Primary School
Administrator: MRS CHERYL JONSSON
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Teachers: Mrs Carol Cleasby
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Our Kindergarten program recognizes that each child is a special creation of God with unique talents, interests and character.

At Regent, we provide a positive and loving environment in which all students can develop, learn new skills and experience success at their level.

A variety of instructional techniques and materials are used to meet the needs of the different learning styles.

Our goal is to build student self-esteem and foster a life-long love for learning.

THE CHRISTIAN KINDERGARTEN:

- ~ provides experiences which increase each child's knowledge and understanding of the character of God
- ~ helps children to develop as disciples of Jesus Christ
- ~ guides children to realize God's love and to reflect it to those around them
- ~ provides opportunities for children to make discoveries about God's wonderful world and helps them to become aware of their responsibility in caring for God's creation
- ~ helps each child to develop their unique gifts and talents



LEARNING CENTERS

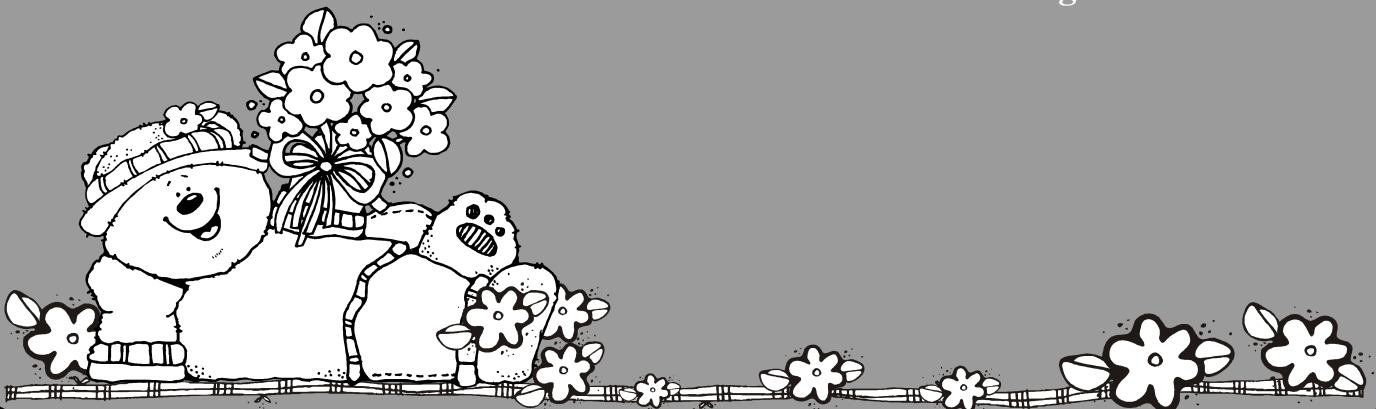
At this stage in a child's development, play is an important component of exploration and discovery. We have developed a kindergarten program that is a combination of teacher-directed lessons balanced with independent and peer-interactive learning at learning centers throughout our classroom.

These centers allow each child to work at their own level to build on what he/she already knows. They allow development of social skills, problem-solving strategies, and allow for interest-driven learning and individual creativity.



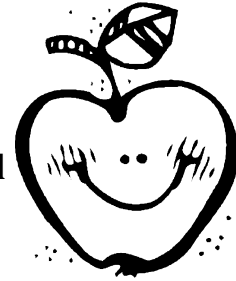
OUR LEARNING CENTERS INCLUDE:

- arts & crafts
- paint & play dough
- build & play
- read & listen
- drama & dress-up
- print & write
- math & puzzles
- water table
- rice table
- thematic activities
- science
- lego table



SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

The Regent Christian Academy school year runs from early September to late June. At the beginning of the year, a school calendar and a monthly Kindergarten calendar will be sent home indicating special dates, such as:



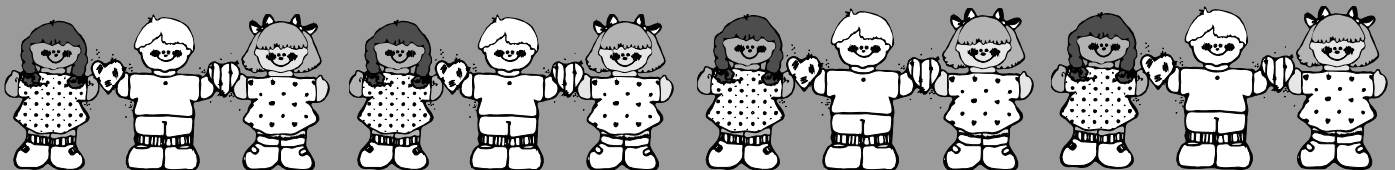
- First day of school
- Last day of school
- Christmas break
- Spring break
- Statutory holidays
- Open House
- Photo Days
- Field trips
- Sports Day
- Report Card Dates
- Musical Concerts
- Special Classroom Events
- Professional Development Days
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Special Themes being studied
- Kindergarten Graduation
- School Spirit Theme Days

FULL TIME PROGRAM

Mondays: 8:20 am—2:40 pm
Tuesdays: 8:20 am—2:40 pm
Wednesdays: 8:20 am—2:00 pm
Thursdays: 8:20 am—2:40 pm
Fridays: 8:20 am—2:40 pm

3-DAY PROGRAM

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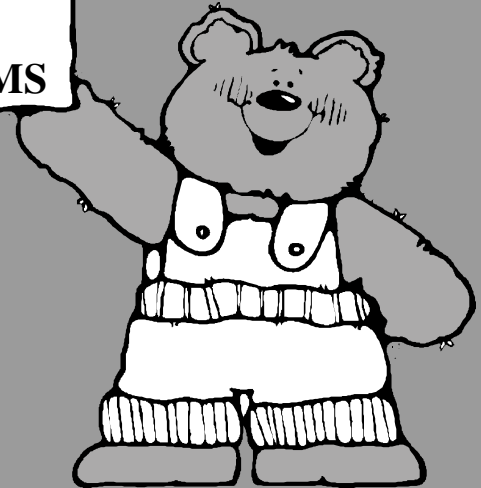


The Kindergarten students wear the same uniform as the rest of our Regent Christian Academy primary school students.

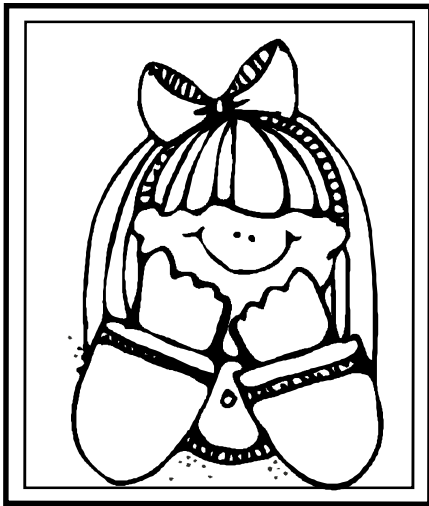
There is also an optional summer uniform that your child can wear in the warmer months.

Our uniform is available for from “Neat Uniforms” and “Canadian Ultimate Wear” .

SCHOOL UNIFORMS



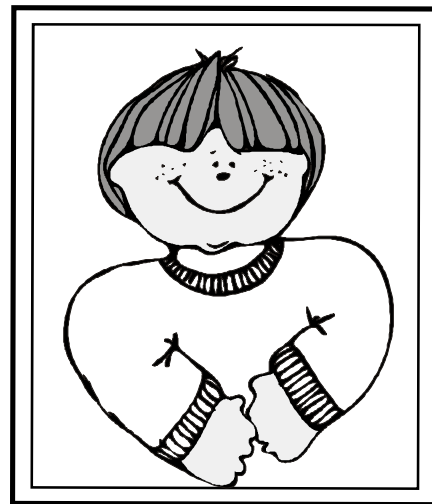
Order forms are available in our main office or online at www.regent.bc.ca



GIRLS

- White school blouse
- Grey jumper dress
- Navy school cardigan
- Navy socks / leotards
- Black dress shoes

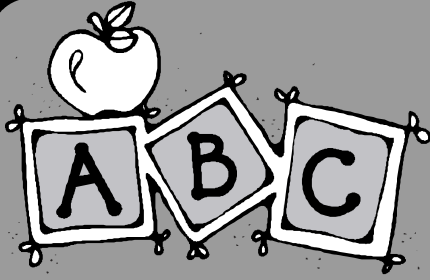
Note: girls should wear their navy gym shorts under their dresses



BOYS

- school golf shirt
- navy school sweater
- navy school trousers
- black running shoes

* Boys and girls wear their gym strip to school on scheduled gym days.
PE uniform: RCA logo grey t-shirt and navy shorts. (RCA navy sweat top and pants are optional)



CURRICULUM

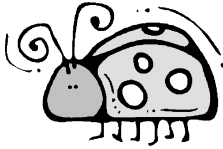
READING & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

At Regent we place a strong emphasis on language arts skill development. In Kindergarten, the students are introduced to an effective primary phonics program where letter recognition, correct formation and letter/sound relationships are taught. Sound blending skills combined with a growing bank of sight words lead the children to success with simple readers. Our goal is to instill in each child the desire to read for pleasure and a love for literature.



MATHEMATICS

Early number concepts are presented systematically as a solid foundation for further learning. Our Kindergarten students work through the Saxon Math program that is used throughout our Primary School. Computation skills, 'real-world applications', and problem solving strategies are key components of these lessons. Manipulatives & student participation help to make learning fun.



SOCIAL STUDIES / SCIENCE

At Regent we try to provide as many varied opportunities for our students to explore, discover and get excited about the wonderful world in which they live. Every month we go out into the community to further our learning of the current theme. Some trip highlights: pumpkin patch, orchard and vegetable farm, firehall, transportation field trip (bus, seabus, skytrain), beach, and animal farm.



Our theme-based program focuses on various parts of creation (humans, animals, plants, and physical things) and teaches the students to appreciate and marvel at the world around them.

The children will be led to praise God for His wisdom and power. Together we give glory and thanks to the Creator for His awesome works.



PE & HEALTH

Young children naturally like to move. Physical education in our kindergarten includes structured classes in the gymnasium with the Primary PE teacher as well as large-muscle activities in the classroom (action songs, games, dance & creative movement) . Students enjoy being active without realizing that their locomotor skills such as walking, leaping, sliding, galloping, hopping, skipping, rolling, dodging, and falling are developing. They will also learn how to use small equipment such as balls, hoops and bean bags and will be introduced to simple versions of many sports and leisure activities.

Healthy lifestyle , including good nutrition, is taught and encouraged. Students learn about the four food groups, about balanced meals and enjoy the annual 'Nutrition Picnic' with the whole Primary School at RCA.



LIBRARY

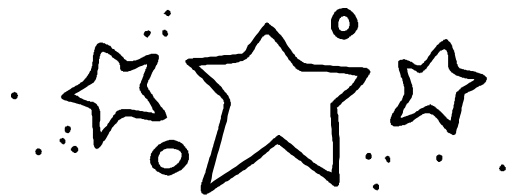


Each week the Kindergarten students visit the library where our school librarian teaches library skills, shares a story and promotes a love for books and reading. Our well-stocked library contains a carefully selected variety of children's literature suitable for all abilities and interests.

ARTS & CRAFTS ACTIVITIES

Arts and crafts activities provide each child with opportunities to:

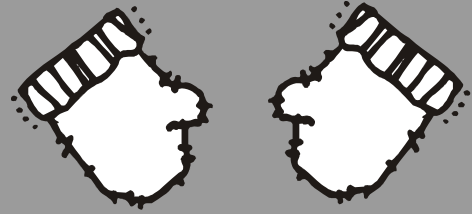
- imagine and visualize
- develop sensory awareness
- explore
- create
- interpret
- express and represent through a variety of forms.



Many art activities are teacher-directed and theme-related but there is also opportunity for students to create their own unique projects at the 'Imagination Station'. The children are given access to various media such as paint, crayons, chalk, pastels, play dough, plasticine, and a variety of 'found objects'. They gain valuable hand-eye coordination practice and small-muscle development through the use of scissors, paintbrushes, stampers and other tools.

MUSIC

Regent is blessed to have an excellent music program. Our Kindergarten students enjoy structured classes with our Primary Music teacher as well as participating in many in-class singing, rhythm and appreciation activities. The students learn basic musical terms and skills as they sing together as a group and as they explore different facets of music.



Bible (Memory Work and Devotions)

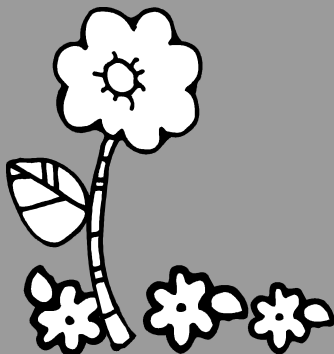
All Kindergarten lessons are taught from a Christian perspective and prayer is an important part of our daily routine. We have classroom devotions, Bible stories appropriate for this age group and a weekly Scripture memory program. Every Wednesday, we join the rest of the Primary School for CHAPEL. We sing songs of worship and praise, pray together, participate in missions projects and learn Bible truths.



DISCIPLINE

In accordance with the school's discipline policy, we believe that discipline means "to disciple" or "to teach" the student in the Lord's way.

As a Christian school we aim to mold behaviour in a loving, caring and positive manner as we teach respect for God, others and self.



Our ultimate goal is to bring each child to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and help him/her to grow to be a responsible, self-disciplined student who demonstrates love and obedience to God.

