

Why Choose Macon Road Baptist School - Lakeland campus?

The Lakeland campus is our preschool campus. Four K4 classes and three K3 classes make up our 7 classroom campus. We may be small, but we have fun! We recognize how important our job is in your child's educational career. We are setting the educational foundation for them. Being that we are a preschool only campus, we have the benefit of doing all things preschool focused.

Though we are a preschool, we are very structured. It has been proven year after year that our structure is very beneficial to our students learning process. Because we are structured, our program is not for every three and four year old. To do well in our program, your child must be potty trained and be able to obey the first time. God has specifically designed each child so wonderfully different so we realize that not every child is ready for our program.

One way we maintain structure is by teaching our rules to them beginning on day one. Discipline encourages students to choose what is right over what is wrong. Discipline also teaches and encourages them to be responsible for their own actions. Every student deserves the most positive learning environment possible for academic growth and success. Therefore we have established the following rules.

1. I will raise my hand before I speak.
2. I will ask for permission before leaving my seat.
3. I will walk quietly in the building and in line.
4. I will obey my teacher the first time.
5. I will be quiet when there is a visitor in the room.

We understand that as three and four year olds they will at times struggle with these rules. We are ultimately preparing our students for kindergarten so we feel that to enforce these rules early will better prepare them for the years to come.

At MRBS Lakeland, we use A- Beka curriculum. It is Christ centered and child friendly. From the songs to learning games, the curriculum is full of many fun activities that help reinforce what we teach.

What your child will learn in K3

Bible

In our Bible time, we sing songs, memorize a weekly verse and have a weekly Bible story. On Friday, the children recite the verse to the teacher.

Numbers:

- Recognize and write the numbers 1-15

Phonics:

- Recognize all 26 letters of the alphabet
- Identify sounds that go with each letter

Our goal in Phonics is to familiarize your child with the alphabet and equip each student with a firm foundation for reading.

Writing:

- Trace all 26 letters of the alphabet
- At the beginning of the year, the children will be taught how to properly hold a pencil and will begin tracing the alphabet one letter at a time. They will be taught correct letter formation by tracing during seatwork time. Since writing does require good fine motor skills, it is one of the hardest skills for a child to master.

What your child will learn in K4

Bible:

At Macon Road Baptist School, we believe each student should be taught the Word of God. Each week, your teacher will send home a Bible memory verse card to help your child learn the verse. On Fridays, each student will get a chance to recite the class verse. During the week, our classes will be learning different exciting Bible stories.

Phonics:

Our goal in Phonics is to equip each student with a firm foundation for reading. Each student will have been introduced to the fundamentals of phonics, by the end of the school year. The goal for each student is to be able to read and comprehend short words and sentences. We accomplish this goal by the following steps:

1. We teach the student to recognize each letter and its' sound.
2. The student will be taught blends. (The putting together of a consonant and a vowel to make one sound)
3. The student will be taught the concept of reading one-vowel words.
4. The student will be taught how to recognize sight words. (Words that are not phonetically sounded out.)
5. The student will be taught the concept of how to read two-vowel words.

To help them better succeed in reading, we will have reading circle times. The students usually love this time to be able to read to their teacher and to the other students in their reading group.

Numbers:

- Recognize and write the numbers 1-20
- Put numbers in their correct number families
- Count to 100
- Learn number concepts (Example: Which number comes before 5?)
- Learn one family addition

Handwriting:

- Be able to write neatly and correct (taught letter placement)
- Be able to write every capital and lower case letter
- Be able to write name
- Be able to write words

Our Lakeland campus not only produces children who love learning, but it also produces children that love Jesus. Our main focus is to point our children towards Christ. We try our very best to provide an atmosphere that will instill a love for our Creator and we teach this throughout every subject.

We look forward to loving your child here at Lakeland!