

Welcome

to



Young Fives

ACS Mission Statement:

*To provide an excellent education that will
prepare students for service in God's kingdom.*



AlLENDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Academically Prepared Called to Service Spiritually Equipped

Welcome to Young Fives!

Thank-you for your interest in the Allendale Christian School Young Fives Program. This class is an important bridge between preschool and kindergarten. It is much more than just another year of preschool. We focus on early literacy skills and early math skills. The children will develop skills and attitudes that will increase their readiness for the coming years. Some examples of those skills are an enthusiasm for learning, confidence in problem-solving, working as a group, and following directions. These skills will be integrated into many different areas of learning all within a loving, Christian environment.

Our Schedule

The Young Fives class meets all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8:30am until 3:28pm. Morning recess is 10:25-10:45am during which time the children are able to eat a snack provided by you. Lunch begins at 12:45pm with recess from 1:05-1:30pm. The children are expected to play outside during these times since it is very important that they get fresh air and exercise. After lunch recess, we will have short rest time. This is a valuable time for the teacher to assess students individually. Our weekly special classes include library, P.E. and music.

Transportation

ACS provides busing for those students living outside of the district.

If you live within the Allendale Public School bus route, your child will be shuttled to and from the public school. The bus routes are published by Allendale Public School, usually in August just before school begins. Call APS if you have any questions. Take note that bus numbers may change each year.

Our teachers are always available to help students but we encourage you to find an older child to be their 'bus buddy'. This is very important if your child is riding the public bus as the shuttle process can be confusing at first. If you need help finding someone, we would be glad to help. We will also provide bus tags to help us get your child on the right bus. Please leave these tags on their backpack all year!

Dress

The ACS handbook has specific requirements concerning dress codes. This can be found linked to our website at www.allendalechristian.com. In Young Fives, we require a pair of gym shoes to remain at school and a pair of shoes once boots are needed for the snow. We love Velcro! We recommend labels on outdoor clothes and shoes...especially on black snow pants!

Communication

A classroom newsletter will come home every Tuesday. Please take time to read it carefully. It contains important information regarding upcoming events and activities.

A school newsletter called the *News and Notes* is sent via email each Wednesday. This letter keeps you informed of school related activities and announcements. This newsletter is also posted on our web-site.

Parent-teacher conferences are held twice a year, in October and February. But we are available to discuss your child at any time!

Illness

If your child is ill, please inform the school office before 9am. If your child has a fever, please keep them at home for 24 hours after they have been fever-free.

If at any time you remove your child from school during the day, please remember to stop in at the office to sign them both in and out.

Participation

Parental involvement is not required but highly encouraged. We offer various levels of commitment from occasional to a scheduled weekly or monthly time. The newsletter or an email will inform you of when we need help. We truly appreciate the help we receive. We would not be able to provide the experiences and activities for your child without it.

Supplies

In order to keep tuition costs down, we ask parents to supply the following items:

- a backpack
- a blanket or towel for rest time (labeled)
- bag of extra clothes in a labeled zip-lock bag
- gym shoes with Velcro
- Crayola markers: 8 or 10 pack
- Crayola crayons: 16 - 24 pack
- 6 glue sticks
- 2 folders

Birthdays

Since birthdays are very special occasions, your child is welcome to bring a treat to share with the class. Summer birthdays are welcome to celebrate on their half-birthday.

Preparation for Young Fives

To help your child prepare you can...

- help your child recognize and print their name with only one capital at the beginning.
- practice putting on and tying shoes (or Velcro)
- practicing zipping coats independently
- Read Together Every Day!!

