

# Learning Theory: BCA Preschool Program

**The Royal Beginners Preschool Program is a Christ-centered program that instills a genuine love of learning through play and structure.** We believe children need a nurturing environment where they can explore God's creation, literacy foundations, numeracy foundations, science and social studies foundations, and what it means to be part of a loving class environment. Our program provides age-appropriate and creative experiences that stimulates young minds and prepares young students for success in kindergarten and beyond.

Our practical goal is to help our three and four-year old students develop spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and cognitively. Each little ROYAL is treated with love, respect, and kindness that comes from our purposeful desire to model the love and kindness of Jesus Christ before our little ones and their families.

We believe young learners are active learners and approach our students developmentally. Three to six months will make a significant difference in a young child's knowledge and skills; therefore, we honor the fact that children develop at different rates and do all we can to communicate to families our curriculum goals and assess the child's developmental progress in our curriculum on a monthly basis.

Whether through music, movement, creative play, building letter/art projects to practice small motor skills, or storytime our teachers systematically shape the classroom environment to maximize our young students' interest in each subject. We believe that young children learn through structured play with others, so our young ROYALS are given purposeful time to play and interact with one another both inside and outside in a safe and nurturing environment.

At BCA we believe all children need to come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and begin to be discipled; therefore, we take seriously and joyfully the opportunity to share the Gospel and disciple the hearts and minds of all our students. Each day we are the "living curriculum" as we model Jesus Christ's love and patience. At the same time, we lovingly redirect and help our young learners understand that they are part of a class community where learning to listen and obey God's Word and the authority God places over us are foundational lessons for kindergarten and life success.