



# Program Overview: BCA Elementary School

## **Duke TIP (Duke University Talent Identification Program):**

Duke TIP helps gifted students assess the extent of their academic abilities with above-grade-level testing. It recognizes them for their achievements and provides them with a variety of enrichment benefits as well as accelerated face-to-face and online educational programs for those who qualify.

In 2019, **45% of our fourth graders and 56% of our fifth graders qualified for TIP**, which placed these students in the top 5<sup>th</sup> percentile of the nation out of those qualifying for TIP.

*Please contact BCA's elementary principal, Mrs. Andrea Pike, for further insight into BCA's elementary program.*

## **Elementary Curriculum:**

BCA's **Reading Program** in grades K-2 provides strong instruction in the elements of helping students become strong readers: phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluently, building vocabulary knowledge, and building meaningful comprehension.

Grades 3-5 focus on novel study, reading independent books, poetry, non-fiction text, and building a love for reading. Across all grades BCA recognizes that a strong foundation in reading skills and building a love for reading and writing are foundational for middle school and high school success.

Daily **Bible Instruction**, including Bible memorization, prayer, and bi-weekly chapels with special speakers are part of our purposeful approach in discipling our young learners. Most importantly, BCA's teachers all love Jesus Christ and will be authentic role models of walking with Jesus Christ before your child.

The BCA Elementary Curriculum includes purposeful study in **history, mathematics, science with STEM lab experiences, art, music, physical education, computers, Spanish, daily recess, DARE for 5th grade, and field trips.**

Students who qualify for BCA's Elementary **Enrichment Program** leave the class twice per week for enrichment learning. Additionally, students who may need **Early Intervention** in reading are offered one-on-one intervention at least three times per week through the Barton Reading and Spelling Program.

Students compete annually in the ACSI Math Olympics, Spelling Bee, and Creative Writing Festival.

Upper elementary students are invited to apply for **Servant Leadership Academy**, a dynamic extra-curricular approach for purposeful and Biblical leadership training.





### Standardized Testing:

Each spring our students take a nationally recognized standardized test to measure annual progress. See the most recent standardized scores on the Terra Nova chart below.

BCA elementary school students **consistently score above the NC and national average. Historically, our students place in the national top 15<sup>th</sup> percentile academically.** *BCA did not participate in standardized testing in 2020 due to COVID-19 but will participate in 2021.*

## TerraNova 3 Test Results for 2016 - 2019

NP = National Percentile

Grade	Reading Composite NP 2016-17-18-19	Language Composite NP 2016-17-18-19	Math Composite NP 2016-17-18-19	Total Score NP 2016-17-18-19
1st	92-94-93-88	90-84-na-na	87-81-84-83	95-94-94-86
2nd	91-87-88-85	86-85-84-82	89-90-85-83	90-92-90-84
3rd	79-76-84-75	71-72-80-82	83-78-87-79	72-72-82-76
4th	81-81-80-79	77-76-73-82	81-82-85-83	79-78-79-78
5th	89-84-83-75	79-69-73-70	95-81-82-83	86-76-78-75

