



CCA

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CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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What CCA Provides

- **Christ-centered Education**
- **Small class sizes with an intentional balance between structure and warmth**
- **Tried and true curriculum materials and teaching methods**
- **Community of families who believe the same things you do**



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CCA's Mission Statement

Our mission is to share in the ministry of Calvary Chapel Gloucester County by offering Christian education from a Biblical worldview, recognizing that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom and knowledge (Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 9:10), and in Christ Himself are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3). We are fully committed to partnering with parents who have the God-given responsibility to educate their children. The foundation of our school/ministry is to raise up disciples of Christ, who will then become transforming influences in this world for Christ.



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Our Educational Philosophy

Jesus must be at the core of every believer; His Word must be at the core of our educational process. With a strong Biblical worldview developed out of a literal interpretation of the Bible, our students will:

- be able to think critically and independently.
- be able to defend their faith.
- become lovers of truth.



Our Educational Philosophy

In order to know and understand the creation, one must first know the Creator. God must be at the center of all the principles, facts, and truths we teach; therefore, CCA will build its entire educational philosophy upon the foundation of a Biblical worldview.



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Our Educational Philosophy

An intentional piece of the educational process will be to educate the whole student socially, mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually, preparing each student to be a valuable citizen for God's glory.



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CCA Educational Approach

- **Sovereignty of God and His Word woven into every subject**
- **Friendly to children from different educational backgrounds**
- **Building children up in their strengths, enabling them to better understand God's plan for their life**



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CCA Educational Approach

- Blended approach to curriculum implementation
- Valuing the wisdom found in traditional classroom learning, as well as Classical Christian and Charlotte Mason educational philosophies
- Flexibility to use multiple educational styles to meet the needs of the children
- Designed to provide balance to home and school

Our Curriculum

- Hand selected from a variety of publishers and philosophies
- Acknowledges and supports a wide range of learning styles
- All curriculum supports or at least does not contradict a Young Earth creationist Biblical Worldview

Pre-Kindergarten

- **Memoria Press**

- Everything your child needs to be prepared for Kindergarten
- Daily schedule with blend of structure and free play
- Letters, numbers, shapes and colors
- Gross and fine motor development
- Literacy, recitation, music, art and crafts
- Daily prayer and devotionals
- Warm, enriching learning environment with enriching learning centers



Math Program

- **Math-U-See**

- **Systematic, cumulative approach to concept mastery**
- **Step by step procedures for introducing, reviewing, practicing and mastering concepts**
- **Multisensory tools to help different types of learners (manipulatives, videos, memory songs, exercises, reviews, tests & more)**
- **Students will test in the spring to determine placement, but isn't necessarily grade specific**



Phonics (K/First)

- **Phonics Museum**

- Award winning program
- Phonics based and includes handwriting and spelling
- FUN and engaging- readers, games, drills, music & more
- Adorable and colorful characters and components
- Join Percival, the boy knight, as he leads children through the art museum, learning letters and sounds along the way



Spelling (2nd and up)

- **Grammar of Spelling**
 - Classical approach to learning how to spell
 - Grade specific coursework, increases in intensity over the years
 - Teaches spelling rules through weekly word lists and activities
 - Flows nicely from Phonics Museum



Grammar (2nd and up)

- **Shurley Grammar**

- Structured program builds on itself over the years
- Uses rules through songs and varied activities to memorize and practice grammar rules.
- Emphasizes interaction between students and teacher



Writing (3rd and up)

- **Teaching Writing, Structure & Style**
 - **Widely renowned teaching strategies curriculum**
 - **Theme based workbooks**
 - **Focuses on modeling and building on specific writing skills**
 - **Writing skills include- creating an outline from writing samples, retelling/rewriting samples, adding creativity, editing and more**



Handwriting (2nd and up)

- **BJUP Handwriting**
 - Teaches print and cursive using Biblical principles, Scripture and educational subject matter
 - Curriculum builds on itself over the years and offers plenty of practice and review



Literature

- **Variety of Sources**
 - Children will read age appropriate books
 - Complete hands on assignments, projects and crafts to extend learning
 - Explore literary terms and elements, storylines and Biblical context



Science

- **“God’s Design for Life”**
 - Created by Answers in Genesis
 - Young Earth Creationist perspective with an element of apologetics; textbook is filled with colorful photos & illustrations, charts, fun facts and extra features
 - Textbook geared for grades 3rd and up; Junior textbook for grades K-2 (all children are learning about the same topics)
 - Topics include- botany, zoology, human anatomy
 - Extend learning through recall questions, activities, experiments and tests/quizzes



History (K)

- **Bede's History of Me**
 - Introduces young children to basics of history and the world around them from a Biblical perspective
 - Topics include: understanding a timeline, the basic history of families, holidays, church, sports, toys and more
 - Uses workbook pages and hands on activities



History (1st)

- **Bede's History of US**
 - Introduces young children to basics of American history from a Biblical Worldview
 - Same format as Kindergarten History curriculum
 - Topics include: Columbus Day, the Great Awakening, Lewis and Clark, famous inventions, art and much more
 - Uses workbook pages and hands on activities



History (2nd and up)

- **Veritas Press**

- **Comprehensive, robust program with a Young Earth Creationist Biblical Worldview**
- **Five year course rotation starting from the formation of the world to modern times**
- **Uses a variety of age appropriate sources to meet different learning styles- memory work, storytelling, various literature works, Bible, maps, projects, celebrations and crafts**



Geography (Ist)

- **Beginning Geography**
 - Introduction to geography
 - Learn about landforms, oceans, beginning map skills, bodies of water and more
 - Includes activities, comprehensions, quizzes and more



Geography (2nd and up)

- **Leagues and Legends**

- **Colorful, fun approach to learning map skills and geography**
- **Storybook and workbook**
- **Join Mr. Latitude and Mr. Longitude as they travel around the northern, southern, eastern and western hemispheres**



Latin (2nd and up)

- **Song School Latin**
 - Fun, friendly approach to Latin
 - Uses CDs, workbooks, and videos
 - Develops every day vocabulary and sentence structure



Art, Music & Fitness

- **Variety of Sources**
 - **Music-** styles and genres of music, scales, music theory, instrumentation
 - **Art-** history, skill development and medium exploration
 - **Fitness-** structured group physical activities
 - **Flexibility for teacher creativity to build on curriculum**



Recitation/Memory Work

- **Variety of Sources**
 - **Scripture**
 - **Math Facts**
 - **Geography**
 - **History Timeline**
 - **Poetry**



Other Curricular Offerings

- Daily worship, prayer and devotion time
- Weekly chapels from our pastors and leaders
- Weekly Bible study from our youth pastor
- Daily recess and outdoors time (weather permitting)
- Daily study halls for extra help and homework time



Our Timeline

- **Teacher interview process is happening now!**
- **Rates posted online (copies available tonight)**
- **Registration opens February 3, 2022**
- **April/May- placement tests will be held**
- **Opening September 2022**
- **School year runs through June 2023**



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