

Why Christian Education?

For most families, choosing to send your child to a private center without federal funding can be a financial sacrifice. We believe that sacrifice is for the greater good, an investment in your child's future, an intentional action to provide them with something not available in other educational settings. Of all the questions asked, one of the most common is "why?" What truly makes Camellia School different from other early childhood education centers in our area? Why Christian Education?

Camellia School is an early learning Christian childcare center, not just in name, but in practice, action, and belief. As a church-based center, Camellia School is structured to think, create, feel, design curriculum, present lessons, disciple kids, and partner with parents in a completely different way. Believing that God is the author of everything means that He has a perspective about all things, including early development, phonics, reading, math, science, art, relationships, and every other aspect of life. We are His people, doing His work in simple but powerful ways. Our mission revolves around instilling the truths of God's Word into the hearts of the young minds in our midst in accordance with Psalm 78:4.

The key to our success is the culture that allows us to intentionally share Christ's love with others; it's who we are and why we exist. We place God at the center of all we do. Instead of working to remove Him from the educational and early development process, we are diligently working to put Him directly in the midst. We teach Bible everyday. We have chapel weekly. We pray often. We talk about God's expectations of us in our choices. We celebrate our obedience to Him when we make good choices and learn the lessons He is trying to teach us from the wrong ones. We use the ABEKA curriculum, providing a Christian worldview in the subject matter we teach. Our motivation is doing the work of the Lord in an early education environment.

We believe strongly in our mission to "Build Lives Around Sound Truth". We believe that by not passionately sharing the love of Christ in all situations that we are "hiding these truths from our children" (Psalm 78:4). Whether it is an administrator, staff member, or committee member, we strive in an unwavering dedication to "be Christ" to others. We know that the best way to show Christ to someone is through personal example. We work to "be Christ" and "show Christ" to others and in turn look to "see Christ" in our students and families. This cycle of living is one of the beauties in the Christian community we try to celebrate. By default, it is our prayer that involvement in this community will open the door for the name of Jesus to be shared outside our walls and for us to be salt and light to a dying world.

Inside the confounds of Christian Education we find immense freedom: freedom to openly discuss God's view for our growth and behavior, freedom to read His Holy Word, freedom to worship, freedom to say the pledges to our country, freedom to pray, freedom to practice Christian living, and freedom to explore His created world through His eyes and in the way He originally intended. Jesus says in John 10:10, "...I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly." Christian Education at Camellia School strives to open the doors to just that! We hope you will come along side of us, giving us the privilege to minister to your family.