

north cobb christian school

LOWER SCHOOL

Specials

SUMMARY

AT NCCS, OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE AND DEVELOP THE WHOLE CHILD: MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, ARTISTICALLY, SPIRITUALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND SOCIALLY. TO THAT END, STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE, MUSIC, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY/STEAM, READING ROOM AND THE ARTS. THIS ROBUST SPECIALS PROGRAM ALLOWS OUR STUDENTS TO DEVELOP AND DISCOVER THEIR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS AND ABILITIES.

LOWER SCHOOL SPECIALS:

K3 - K4

Physical Education
Music
Spanish
Reading Room
STEAM

JK5 - 4th Grade

Art
Music
Physical Education
Reading Room
Spanish
Technology/STEAM

ART

Lower School Art is taught through a variety of media and techniques in which elements of art and principles of design are introduced and developed each year. Some of these methods and techniques include drawing, painting, printmaking, pottery and the fiber arts. Students are also exposed to various artists and art works. All students taking Art have work displayed in the annual Fall and Spring Visual Art Shows in the Fine Arts Building.

MUSIC

In Lower School, music is taught using a variety of music methods, including Kodaly, Orff, and Delcroze. These methods include instruction using ear training, singing, movement, improvisation, solfège, music literacy, and musical exploration. Lessons are carefully sequenced to build on students' previous musical knowledge and development. Students are also exposed to folk music/dancing, Orff instruments, and music history. Throughout all Lower School classes, students are given the opportunity to develop performer and audience member skills through several performances throughout the year.

SPANISH

Spanish is introduced using a variety of activities, charts, songs, and Bible Verses. Students are taught greetings, classroom objects, colors, numbers, shapes, family members, food, seasons, the calendar, pronouns, adjectives, alphabet, body parts, the home, animals (farm/zoo). As is developmentally appropriate, students have the opportunity to read, write, listen to, and speak the Spanish concepts they have learned.





P.E.

Physical Education is taught using a variety of locomotor and non-locomotor skills. Instruction emphasizes skills that involve crossing the midline of the brain, which research shows builds neural pathways that are foundational for many academic and physical skills. Throughout the program, students are encouraged to use their God-given talents in a wide range of physical activities. Knowing students learn in different ways, instructional methods include individual work, group work, visual modeling and audible instruction.

READING ROOM

The Reading Room contains a special collection of books for our Lower School students. Our K3 - 2nd grade students attend the Reading Room with their class every week for story time and check out. Our 3rd and 4th graders have the opportunity to check out books bi-weekly. The Reading Room desires to instill a love of print literacy in students that will enhance their education and engender lifelong learning.

TECHNOLOGY | STEAM

Weekly Technology/STEAM classes expand on the basics of computer science and software application in the areas of digital citizenship, basic programming, keyboarding, vocabulary and web searches. Students explore Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math (STEAM) elements while reinforcing the Engineering Design Process using group collaborative thinking in areas of computer programming, robotics, animation, and 3D printing and design. The foundations for collaborative skills are reinforced with Google Classroom for student-to-teacher and peer-to-peer collaboration. Students engage in activities through various computer exercises that strengthen their cognitive reasoning skills while exploring graphic arts, word processing, spreadsheets, slideshows, and data collection in the Google Suite for Education.

EXTRACURRICULAR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AT NCCS:

LOWER SCHOOL CHAPEL

One of the greatest privileges of being a student at NCCS is the opportunity to gather as a school for chapel each week. Lower School students meet in the gym on Tuesday mornings for a time of worship, teaching, skits, videos, and other elements designed to help our students grow in Christ. Parents and guests are always invited to join us for chapel. Chapel schedule: 1st - 4th grade chapel is from 8:10 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.; K3-K5 chapel is from 8:50 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. During special events, combined chapel for K3-4 will be held at 8:15 a.m. in the gym.

LOWER SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE

At NCCS, service is one of our core values. Mark 10:45 says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." Our desire is to reach students with the good news of Jesus Christ and to help them become devoted followers of Christ. The best way to be the hands and feet of Christ is to serve others in His name. We provide our Lower School students with opportunities to participate in projects and events designed to share the love of Christ by serving and loving others well.

