



# Early Education and Summer Programs

## Programs and Goals

Welcome to Bellevue Christian School's Early Childhood, Summer Camp, Core Helps/Summer Enrichment, and Extended Care Programs. We're here to serve you! One of our primary goals is flexibility. If you have a special situation or request, let us know. Our accredited Pre-School/Pre-K is staffed with qualified teachers, licensed by the state of Colorado, and Qualistar-rated.

- ***Toddlers (12 months and walking)***

In our Toddler Room located in the Kinderbread Kottage, our professional Early Childhood Education staff provide primary care giving, one-on-one interactions, and recognition of toddlers as special and precious individuals. We seek to support the development of each toddler in many vital realms (cognitive, physical, social/ emotional, and language skills), and support exploration and learning through play. In partnership with their family, each toddler is supported and appropriately encouraged in routines (including dressing, eating, sleeping, and toilet-training). The principle goal of our Toddler Room is to nurture each toddler with God's love, while ensuring his/ her health and safety during any and all interactions. Meaningful interactions among the children and caregivers foster *the greatest development of each child.*"

- ***Childcare (for children ages 2½ through young 3's) & Pre-School (for ages 3 through young 4's)***

Located in our updated Kinderbread Kottage, our goal as a childcare center is to provide a safe, fun, loving Christian environment where children can learn and grow through positive developmentally and age-appropriate experiences. Young children learn through play, but will also have the opportunity to learn pre-reading skills through various manipulative and curriculum offerings. While gaining valuable socialization skills, children begin to learn number concepts, the letters of the alphabet, the calendar, and much more!

### ***Pre-Kindergarten (for children ages 4 through young 5's)***

Located in our new KinderKastle building, our Pre-Kindergarten is a pre-reading program, designed to provide our children with a challenging, joyful learning experience. The teachers create a loving, nurturing environment in which the children can grow mentally, spiritually, physically, and socially. This program is for four-year-olds and young five's who attend a minimum of four days per week, for at least a half day. A more structured day is introduced, in preparation for kindergarten. Children identify and count numbers to 20. They learn letters, and sounds. Bible is taught daily. Children will participate in chapel, music, art, and physical education. Our goal is to provide the foundation for a life-long love of learning!

- ***Kindergarten (for children at least age 5 by the first day of school)***

Learning to read is the emphasis in Kindergarten. An entrance test is required for this program, establishing readiness. The program begins with a review of the alphabet and sounds. Phonics is foundational to the program, as students learn rules, special sounds, blends, phrase reading, and ultimately, are able to master beginning readers. Number concepts 1-100, counting and writing by 2, 5, and 10; telling time; days and months; and one-step story problems are some of the math learning goals. Social studies and science concepts are introduced. Bible is taught daily. "Specials" include chapel, music, art, and physical education.

- ***School Age Extended Care Program (ETC)***

Bellevue's Childcare provides supervision and care before and after school hours for students who are 2½ - 14 years of age. Separated by appropriate age divisions, the program is designed to provide enrichment activities, such as outdoor play time, sports, art, crafts, and table games. Healthy snacks are served daily. We also provide a place for self-directed children to do their homework. Students arriving before 7:45 am and/or staying after 2:45 **must** be enrolled in this program.

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- *Summer Camps / Summer School*

Camp Belleview offers many field trips and activities via a safe, well-staffed program. Children Toddler - 14, separated by age groups, will engage in action-packed activities, including sports camps, swim days, drama productions and field trips, all included in our very affordable price. Please see our summer camp brochure for more details.

Our summer school offers a learning-to-read program for 5 & 6 year olds and an individualized enrichment program for 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Students may improve their reading and math skills; make-up needed class credits; or accelerate in specific course offerings. Students concurrently enrolled in both programs receive a discount! Please inquire in the school office for more details.