



Private Pre-K at APC Dayschool vs. Georgia Pre-K



READING

- Georgia Pre-K posts a limited number of words on a bulletin board. The teacher will discuss those words if a student asks.
- At APC, students are taught the sounds of letters and how they come together to make words through developmentally appropriate activities and literature. We are able to differentiate due to our small class sizes.



WRITING

- Georgia Pre-K offers the students a writing center where a teacher can "guide" them if asked.
- At APC, all students will have a skills-based program to both form the letters and learn to express their thoughts and feelings through writing. We utilize journals throughout our school.

APC Private Pre-K has a small ratio with a maximum 16 students with two teachers. Georgia Pre-K can have up to 22 students per class.



APC Private Pre-K will hold special events like Tiny Town, Field Day, a Christmas program and a Graduation ceremony. Georgia Pre-K will make decisions about special events based on the school.

Per state guidelines, beginning phonics and reading are not taught with Georgia Pre-K. At APC Private Pre-K your student will academically prepare for Kindergarten with an advanced and tailored curriculum which includes Language Arts, Math, STEM and Dramatic Play.

APC Private Pre-K	Georgia Pre-K
Shorter School Days – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and no naps. After school enrichments are sometimes available.	Standard 6.5 hour instructional day with attendance and tardiness closely monitored. Five days per week is required. Rest time is mandated.
Manners and Social Skills are practiced at lunch time and snack.	Not generally practiced as a class.
Faith based program, including weekly chapel and monthly Bible Verses.	Non-faith-based program.
Two adult rule with children at all times.	Can sometimes be one teacher.
Your student won't have to move between virtual learning and in person learning due to County decisions.	Will change learning environment based on Fulton County decisions.

CURRICULUM

- **APC Private Pre-K utilizes Zoophonics with a “Spotlight Letter”.** The students will be taught the sound it makes and the correct way to write it. The students will distinguish whether it is a consonant or vowel and if it is upper case or lower case. They will complete several activities around the letter.
 - Georgia Pre-K teachers are not permitted to do a letter of the week.
- **At APC Dayschool we begin to develop fine motor skills at the earliest stage. We build these skills with age appropriate and fun activities like painting, playdoh, hands on science and sensory play.**
 - As the students mature and their hand strength improves we progress to journaling and learning the mechanics and formation of the letters in the alphabet while still nurturing the fun and love of learning. This is an essential building block to creating confident writers later in life.
 - We use a variety of mediums and strategies so that when your child leaves us to move on with your education they are prepared for their next challenge.
- **The students will be taught the sound of the letter and the formation of the letters, both uppercase and lowercase. Our program builds each year in a fun changing zoo-animal based curriculum.**