

Lower School



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Wide eyes. Open minds. Curiosity. You can see it on their faces and hear it in their voices—our students are eager to explore, grow, and learn.

Maranatha Christian Academy goes way beyond the ordinary measures of academic standards, delivering the kind of education that opens eyes and hearts for a lifetime. Here curiosity is applauded, discovery is championed, and ultimately world-influencers are shaped.



Pre-K &
Kindergarten

Their future is our calling.

At Maranatha, learning is an adventure for our Pre-k and Kindergarten students. With classes in Math, Pre-Reading, Coding and S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math), you can be assured that your student is on a path of success. Art, Music, and Physical Education insure our little ones express themselves creatively and get their wiggles out. This approach allows the transition to elementary school to be, well, elementary.





Playing with a purpose.

If you take a moment and watch our Pre-k students during the day, you will see they are on to something we seemed to have lost: the ability to see learning as fun and playing is, indeed, learning. For our Pre-k students, “The Center” is the place where Pre-k students become engaged and inspired—where computers, art, and reading all come to life through play!

Do you want to buy a goat?

With faith at the center of every classroom experience and our weekly chapels, we instill character, global and generational interconnectedness, and caring into every student. From our Pre-k raising money to buy a goat for communities abroad, to our kindergarteners writing cards for Veterans Day and May Day for nursing home residents, we are teaching our students to lead with empathy.

One size does not fit all.

We've all purchased that item, haven't we? One size fits all. While this may be true in theory, at Maranatha we believe there are multiple ways students learn. We utilize distinct and diverse approaches, experiences, and learning opportunities to engage and champion each student's potential and create change-making futures for every individual.

Throughout first through fifth grade, students have a dynamic weekly schedule that rotates between core and specialist classes such as Design Thinking, Makers Space, Art, Music, and P.E. allowing students to experience something new every day—and begin to embrace exploration, grow through struggles, and discover their strengths and passions.



More than just the 3 Rs.

Building houses and playing with bees.

In our lower school S.T.E.A.M. program at Maranatha, there is no such thing as a small idea. As a matter of fact, our smallest learners can dream pretty big. Pre-k is encouraged to play with bees as they begin to learn coding basics using BeeBots. As students progress, they work with Bluetooth Legos and are tasked with more difficult robotics challenges. Engineering concepts are introduced when our fifth-grade students plan and build their Tiny House. Collaboration and communication is needed when the fourth-grade students design install electrical circuitry in the houses. It's fun. It's innovative. It's learning at Maranatha.

Expanding the walls of the classroom.

At Maranatha, we are expanding the walls of the classroom. Our Outdoor Learning Space is an inquiry-based, hands-on, experiential-learning classroom. Teachers collaborate and integrate projects to teach math, art, health and wellness, research skills, teamwork, and stewardship of the environment.

Readers are leaders.

We instill a love for reading through a purposeful in-school and summer reading program. Our fourth graders share their enthusiasm for reading with Kindergarteners through the Book Buddies program. The fact that we hold the Scholastic “Best in State” record for the most minutes read multiple years in a row is proof positive that readers are leaders.



“Writers of the lost art.”

Writing is not just taught in Language Arts but throughout all classes. Your student may be writing instructions for a board game or designing research journals for science, just to name a few. When he or she has finished at Maranatha, your child will learn to write...and write well.



Would you let your fifth grader balance your budget?

If he or she were a Maranatha student, you could. Math is a core principle taught with an innovative and integrative approach. From first to fifth grade, students thrive in math-based activities such as Mini-Mart to Mini-Economy, Economics to an in-class store. We are making Math fun and relevant. Now that's new.



Heart, fact, and lasting impact.

To care is to do at Maranatha. It is one thing to teach from a Christian worldview. It is another to encourage students to have a Christian “world-do” mindset. Some of the ways our students “do” are by writing Valentine’s Day letters to widows, knitting squares that are patched together for blankets given to children in Twin Cities Children’s Hospitals and orphanages around the world, and packing 35,000 meals for local food shelves during Meals for Minneapolis. We are teaching our students to lead with their faith in front. From every classroom experience to chapel, we instill godly character, global connection, and a genuine caring that impacts their lives and faith and the world around them.





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