

Elementary School

PMCA offers an intimate setting coupled with a stimulating academic atmosphere. Children are taught that all things are under the Lordship of Christ as they discover and enjoy God's creation through hands-on activity and challenging academic study.

2009-2010 Demographics

Mr. Donald B. Beebe, Head of School

Students

Pre-K	15	3rd Grade	21
Kindergarten	19	4th Grade	14
1st Grade	18	5th Grade	20
2nd Grade	20		
Total	127		

Tuition Range: \$4,890.00-\$8,595.00

Minority Students

African-American 63 Asian-American 5 Hispanic-American 5

Total 73

Faculty

Full-time 7 Part-time 8

Total 15

Degrees*

B.A.	5	M.A.	1	B.M.	1
B.S.	5	M.Ed.	3		

*Many faculty members hold more than one degree.

The basic skills of mathematics, reading and writing form the core of the curriculum. Textbooks are used in conjunction with manipulatives, games and hands-on experiences to promote mastery. Students learn problem-solving techniques and reading strategies and are challenged to express themselves clearly in written language.

Beginning in Kindergarten, instruction in special subjects is offered by teachers trained in their disciplines. Spanish, Art, General Music, Instrumental Music, Library, Computer and Physical Education classes all enrich the learning experience of elementary students.

- Students enrolled in K-5 complete a Spanish I curriculum, building basic vocabulary and mastering present tense verbs.
- The General Music program instructs students in the basics of good singing technique, reading music and understanding music theory.
- Students in 4th and 5th grade have the opportunity to take instrumental music lessons and participate in beginning bands.



- Our certified Librarian sees that our students are encouraged in a love of reading, given an understanding of the uses of a library and prepared with basic research skills.

- Using technology as a tool is the heart of our Computer curriculum. The classroom curriculum is supported by the use of computer programs, both in the lab and classrooms, and students are trained in the skills necessary to use the resources of technology.

- Physical Education sets students up for lifelong care of their bodies. They build flexibility, strength and cardiovascular endurance, along with learning skills, games and team cooperation.

Science and Social Studies are important parts of the curriculum as well. In addition to traditional textbook and hands-on experimentation, our Science program is enhanced by use of the Morris Arboretum and other outdoor facilities in the area. Our teachers also take advantage of the historically rich area in which we live, taking students on field trips to historic destinations such as the Mercer Museum, Pennsbury Manor, Hope Lodge, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are years to build a broad understanding of the world, as well as to learn how to be cooperative members of a learning community. Students enter those years at a variety of academic levels, and we provide an active learning experience designed to challenge each student at his or her own level. Instruction is provided in reading and mathematical

skills with developmentally appropriate activities. Our 4- and 5-year olds can be found moving about the classroom, measuring and counting, reading and examining, as well as working with paper and pencil activities. Projects in cooking, nature studies, science and social studies all offer active opportunities to build basic skills. Early success in learning builds enthusiasm, confidence and a positive attitude toward school and learning.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are offered five mornings or five full days per week. The extended day option gives morning students the opportunity to stay until the end of the school day in a setting that is more relaxed and less structured.