

Elementary School

PMCA offers an intimate elementary 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.

2010-2011 Demographics

Mr. Donald B. Beebe, Head of School

Students	
Pre-K	12
Kindergarten	17
1st Grade	17
2nd Grade	17
3rd Grade	16
4th Grade	24
5th Grade	19
Total	122

Tuition Range: \$5,025.00 - \$8,835.00

Minority Students

African-American	58
Asian-American	10
Hispanic-American	6
Total	74

Faculty

Full-time	7
Part-time	8
Total	15

Degrees*

B.A.	9
B.M.	1
B.S.	4
M.A.	2
M.Ed.	4

* 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.

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.

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.

- Our Spanish curriculum helps students build a basic vocabulary and mastery of 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.
- Students become familiar with artists, as well as techniques, with a historical and hands-on approach to Art.
- 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.
- In Physical Education students build flexibility, strength and cardiovascular endurance, while learning skills, games and team cooperation.

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. 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/ 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.