

Kindergarten for the Arts

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Welcome to Kindergarten for the Arts, the premier school designed to teach academics through the arts. Our faculty members include advanced de-greed, experienced professionals who absolutely LOVE children and the art of teaching! Our curriculums are unique, effective, tactile and very fun. Our atmosphere is encouraging, positive, exciting and stress free. Your child is a member of the class of 2031. Let's give them the absolute best foundation possible.

What makes us different?

Academics at KFTA are taught through singing, crafts, art, and creative movements. We also utilize the latest technology to give students a complete understanding of all concepts, unit studies and material presented. We teach in line with how your child's brain is developing. This is what makes learning a FUN, fast natural process.



How large are the classes?

Class size and chemistry is very important at KFTA. We will keep the class size small with multiple teachers and an assistant. The class can be divided into 2 groups easily accommodated by our large room.

Who will be teaching my child?

Only the BEST educators with years of experience are good enough for KFTA!

Our lead teacher, Katie Simmons, has a masters in elementary education degree and is a technology specialist. Mrs. Simmons has been in the classroom for years and her joyful, gentle demeanor is a magnet for children and parents. She has learned countless Acadamiacs songs while attending classes with her own children and is gifted at incorporating these special songs and art activities into daily academic lesson plans.

Virginia Dill, the founder and director of the Virginia Beach School of the Arts has recorded videos of her famous Acadamiacs songs which your child will be singing daily. Virginia holds a Bachelor of Music From the Conservatory at Shenandoah University where she majored in piano. The videos cover music theory, piano, major and minor scales, music reading and more. Your child will "interact" with these videos daily and of course enjoy Virginia's visits

We have several Music teachers on staff at the Virginia Beach School of the Arts! Piano, guitar, music theory and musicianship skills will be explored. The finest music class experience is what you and your child will look forward to!

Megan Ellis has been an unbelievable addition to our faculty. She is a passionate art instructor and has two daughters at the Virginia Beach School of

the Arts. She will be overseeing the Friday art projects in which she combines art, history, academics and more. Megan posts on Facebook about her lesson plans so parents. Megan has a degree in Art and design.

Mrs. Zinnia Rodriguez will be your child's Spanish teacher! She is a native born Spanish speaker and hails from Puerto Rico. Expect excitement from your child for the one hour Spanish lessons on Friday. Mrs. Katie will also be reviewing the Spanish lessons and concepts throughout the week.



How will I know what my child did in class? We communicate through texts, emails and Facebook posts. Classwork will be sent home frequently. With your permission, we will post pictures of your child and their classmates busy with the day's exciting activities. Communication is very important! All of the teachers and the director will communicate with you often and every time you reach out to us.

How involved can parents be?

We LOVE our KFTA parents and grandparents too! You will have numerous opportunities throughout the year to accompany and chaperone field trips, read in the reading corner, help with holiday celebrations, school programs and more. We also have parent teacher meeting twice a school year.



What are the times for KFTA?

We offer Kindergarten for the Arts
9 AM - 12.

**Additional classes offered in the
afternoons include...**

Lunch Bunch 12:00-12:30 (bring a lunch from home, parents are welcome to attend! \$5.00 per day if not enrolled in ballet, art & handwriting, Jazz, soccer or yoga.

Ballet, Jazz, Yoga, Soccer Shots, Spanish, Art and more!

A complete list of optional classes appears in the weekly email newsletter. Parents are always welcome to attend. There will be the regular holiday vacations for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Easter.

What are the tuition and additional costs for KFTA?

Tuition is \$450 monthly. You child's supply fee of \$250 covers curriculums and art supplies. There is a small fee for the Christmas and end of the year programs. We will always do our best to keep these costs very low. Every student will have a list of things to bring for their use throughout the year such as tissues, hand sanitizer, pencils, glue, pencil box, etc.

We thought you would be excited to know just how much your child will be enriched through the Acadamiacs songs at KFTA. This is what will be covered ...

Ancient Civilizations

Egypt, China, Greece and Rome
oh my! Amazing photographs about these civilizations, their contributions, locations and history will be viewed on our wide screen TV's as students sing! These songs far exceed the Virginia SoL's.

Your child will love this series!



Animals

There are 75 animal songs in the Acadamiacs project. Your child will learn animals by the geographic region/continent which these wonderful creatures

inhabit. Teaching geography via the innate interest in the animal kingdom is fun, interesting and applicable.

Astronomy

From the planets to the 8 phases of the moon, from the sun to asteroids and comets, your little astronomer will be thrilled with the power that the knowledge of the heavens provides. There are over 30 astronomy songs your child will learn to sing as they are accompanied by NASA's latest photographs from the Hubble Telescope.



Earth Science

The volcano song was the very first Acadamiacs song and remains one of every child's favorite! Aside from being able to spell the word archipelago, identify several on the world map and sing its definition, your child will learn about glaciers, the rock strata, tsunamis, fossils and earthquakes.

Famous People

Goals are great and learning about high achievers sows greatness into our lives. In addition to learning about the master composers and artists, your child will sing songs about and see photographs or paintings of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Galileo, Neil Armstrong, Pocahontas, Lewis & Clark, Marco Polo and more.

Human Anatomy

"Know thyself" is the Greek proverb. Through the Acadamiacs songs, your child will be able to identify and name the major bones in the body, tell you all about blood, DNA, the organs, teeth, eyes, ears and more.

Map Skills

It's always good to know one's place in the universe. From latitude and longitude to the continents, equator, prime meridian and oceans, students will know their way around the globe!

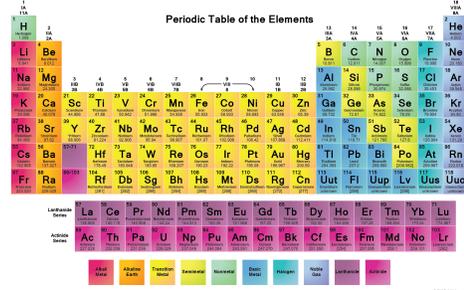


Mathematics

In addition to the art projects and abacus which make math visual, students will learn to sing all of the multiplication tables. Craft projects and cooking are a great way to teach proportions, geometry and fractions!

Chemistry

One of the show stoppers in the Acadamiacs project song line up is the entire Periodic Table of the Elements! In addition to having the element of the day, your child will be taught to sing all the way from Hydrogen to Meitnerium naming both the element and its chemical symbol.



A colorful periodic table of elements with the title "Periodic Table of the Elements" at the top. The table is organized into groups and periods, with elements color-coded by groups. A legend at the bottom identifies the colors: Alkali Metals (red), Alkaline Earth Metals (orange), Transition Metals (yellow), Lanthanide Series (green), Actinide Series (purple), Noble Gases (blue), and Halogens (pink).

Famous Places in the United States

We are so blessed to live in this day and age in this country. We will be teaching your child songs about the wonderful places that mark some of our country's greatest achievements and natural wonders like Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon, The Gateway Arch and Mount Rushmore. We will teach our students to sing all 50 states and capitals!

Famous Places in the World



This is one of our favorite sections!

Students will have unit studies on Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe and South America. While touring each continent, songs will be sung about its natural and man made features. Songs include Angkor watt, Eiffel Tower, Mount Kilimanjaro, St. Basil's Cathedral, Banaue Rice Terraces, Chichen Itza, Tikal and about 50 more songs!

Plants

Spring is a wonderful time to learn about the parts of flowers and trees. Learning all of this through songs makes it fun and easy – especially with coloring sheets!



It's all about the brain...

Happy children learn easier. The latest neuroscience emphasizes the importance of fun and play in an active learning environment. Stress turns off the human brain but music, art and creative movement energize the brain. When information is presented via a fun delivery system to a child who feels loved, the sky is the limit. They can learn anything and everything presented with minimal effort, store it in more memory centers and retrieve information faster for natural

application. Everything we do at Kindergarten for the Arts is brain based but most of all fun. We hope your family will join us this year for the experience of a lifetime.

