

## Overview of BCA Programs

A child's placement in our programs is based on available space and each child's developmental readiness, as determined by BCA



### **Turtledoves – Foundation Building Program (1:8 ratio) Age 3.0 - 4's**

The aim of the Turtledove preschool experience is to provide an environment that will promote the child's foundation for further kindergarten preparation and increase their love for learning.

**Requirements:** Turtledove students must be potty trained, and that they can demonstrate age appropriate social and emotional readiness. The Turtledoves program is a blended age class designed to meet the social, emotional and academic needs of children as they prepare to enter pre-kindergarten. The daily schedule promotes collaborative play, attention span development, natural curiosity and their fundamental need to move. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of age appropriate activities, rich in movement, sensory exploration and discovery. Self-care skills are fostered throughout their day.

#### **Children in the Turtledoves program will:**

- Develop pre-writing skills and a phonetic foundation through the Zoo phonics and Handwriting Without Tears curriculum
- Explore pre-math and science with hands on activities such as sorting, matching, counting, blocks, cooking, gardening and sand and water play
- Develop physical strength through large and fine motor skill activities
- Express themselves creatively through daily art experiences and music and movement
- Experience outdoor classroom activities and gardening
- Develop independence/self-care and hygiene skills throughout their school day
- Develop positive social skills through collaborative imaginative play centers
- Learn about God's love for them through Bible stories, chapel time and the care they receive.