



K4 Program

What is K4 at Calvary Schools of Holland?

Calvary Schools of Holland offers a program that serves children who are in their late threes (children who will turn four-years-old by Nov. 15) through early fives. Since maturity happens by God's design, this program will allow for comfortable development for children who may be too young to enter full day kindergarten. Calvary views each child that comes to us as a gift from God. We want K4 to be a **fun, positive, successful** experience for your child. This year will be filled with many exciting challenges socially, spiritually, and academically. Our daily lessons are designed to be highly academic with a low frustration level.

When does the K4 class meet?

The K4 Program is held 2-days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and meets for a half day. Parents will have the option of choosing a morning or afternoon class dependent upon enrollment. Classes will serve 10 children each, but could go up to 15 with the addition of an assistant. This decision will occur as enrollment requests are made.

What are the goals for students in the K4 Program?

Our mission at Calvary is to build Christian character and to train servant leaders. With this in mind, we have established the following goals for students in the K4 Program:

To **encourage** good social interaction:

- In the classroom
- On the playground

To **develop** manipulative skills:

- Cutting
- Coloring
- Gluing

To **expose** to academic materials:

- Letters
- Numbers
- Colors
- Shapes

How is "Christian" education implemented into the K4 classroom?

Calvary is deliberate in its approach at incorporating the Bible, worship, and godly characteristics into all aspects of the classroom. There will be exciting lessons daily that teach children how to think, grow, know and live "God's Way." Content and application will be taught through Bible lessons, character stories, music, activities, and memory work.

Special Events your child will experience in K4.

Your child will experience a variety of special events during the year such as field trips, Grandparents Day, holiday parties, and birthday parties.

Does Calvary offer an after school program?

Occasionally, parents may require supervision of their child when a parent's schedule prevents them from being available immediately after school. By extending the school day into an Eighth Hour, students and their families will be offered the continuity and safety of a Christian environment. Eighth Hour begins at 3:05 and concludes at 4:00 and is available at a cost of \$2.00 per day.

How do I register my child for the K4 Program?

Schedule an appointment to meet with the Executive Director and the Academic Dean.

Complete an application for admission to Calvary Schools of Holland.

Provide Calvary with a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Supply Calvary with a completed health appraisal and immunization record.

When should I apply?

The best time to apply for the following year is during the months of February, March, and April. Early registration begins in February.

How do I benefit from Early Registration?

The ideal time to apply is during Early Registration. Registering during this period will secure your child's placement in his or her grade level and allows you to take advantage of the discounted registration fee.

Helpful Hints for you and your child as you begin K4.

We want your child's first classroom experience to be a positive one!

Promote healthy habits:

Help your child to get plenty of sleep. Ten to twelve hours is recommended for children this age.

Plan a good healthy diet.

Get up in plenty of time for school so he or she does not have to hurry, and is wide awake when school starts.

Arrive to school at the proper time – not too early (before there is adequate supervision), not too late.

Encourage self-sufficiency:

Help your child to learn to dress himself/herself. It is helpful for your child to know how to zip up coats, tie shoes, button, and to be able to keep track of personal belongings.

Help your child by purchasing child friendly clothing.

Teach your child to be self sufficient in bathroom procedures, including flushing and washing hands.

Help your child to learn personal information such as their full name, parents' names, address, telephone number, and birthday.

Participate in your child's development:

Enjoy books with your child.

Help your child to be observant about the world around him or her. Enjoy discussing things in nature, weather, transportation, etc.

Help your child to have an awareness of the eight basic colors.

Practice fine motor skills, such as coloring, cutting, and drawing

Practice large motor skills, such as jumping, hopping, running, and handling a ball.

Help your child to print his or her first name using a capital letter only at the beginning.

Proactively communicate:

Talk about school in a positive way with your child. Try to answer all questions. Always address any doubts or fears your child may express.

Communicate with the teacher any special fears or needs your child may have.

Remember, your own reactions and attitudes will go a long way toward determining how your child feels about school.