



## Kindergarten-2nd Grade Program Overview

The K-2 years are foundational. At Agape Christian Academy, our early elementary program focuses on helping students **learn how to read well, think clearly, and grow in confidence**, all within a nurturing, Christ-centered environment.

These early years shape how children approach learning, relationships, and responsibility. Our program is designed to provide **strong instruction, consistent structure, and individualized support**, while honoring each child as a unique image-bearer of God.

## Areas of Study

### Reading & Language Arts

We use a **Science of Reading-based approach**, grounded in decades of research on how children learn to read.

Students receive:

- Explicit, systematic phonics instruction
- Phonemic awareness and decoding practice
- Fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension development

In addition, our **reading specialist** works with students who need targeted support or enrichment, providing small-group or one-on-one instruction to strengthen foundational reading skills and build confidence.

### Mathematics

We use **Purposeful Design Math**, which emphasizes:

- Conceptual understanding
- Guided practice and mastery
- Clear connections between math concepts and real-world application

Students develop strong number sense and problem-solving skills from the beginning.

## Science

Using MasterBooks science, students are introduced to:

- God's design in the natural world
- Observation and curiosity
- Age-appropriate scientific concepts taught through a biblical lens

Science instruction encourages wonder, careful thinking, and gratitude for creation.

## Bible & Character Formation

Bible instruction is woven throughout the day and includes:

- Scripture memorization and Bible stories
- Lessons in kindness, obedience, honesty, and self-control
- Understanding that each child is created with purpose and dignity

Character formation is reinforced through classroom expectations and teacher modeling.

## Specialists & Support Services

Agape Christian Academy believes students thrive when supported by educators with specialized expertise working alongside classroom teachers.

### Reading Specialist

Our reading specialist provides:

- Small-group and one-on-one reading intervention
- Instruction aligned with our Science of Reading approach
- Support for phonics, fluency, and comprehension

### Art & Music Specialists

Students receive instruction from dedicated:

- **Art specialists**, supporting creativity and fine motor development
- **Music specialists**, supporting rhythm, memory, listening, and coordination

Art and music are valued as essential components of a well-rounded education.

## CARE Program — Individualized Student Support

Agape Christian Academy offers the CARE Program, a student-support framework similar in purpose to an IEP in a public school, but designed for a private, relational environment.

CARE plans are:

- Individualized and student-specific
- Developed in partnership with families
- Designed to provide support without stigma

Support may include:

- Push-in and pull-out academic assistance
- 1:1 fine motor and gross motor support
- Music and art therapy, when appropriate

The goal of CARE is to provide the right supports for students to thrive academically, socially, and developmentally.

## Enrichment & Advanced Learning: SPARC

We also offer SPARC, an enrichment program similar to TAG in public schools.

SPARC provides:

- Pull-out enrichment instruction
- Opportunities for deeper thinking, creativity, and challenge
- Instruction for students who benefit from advanced or accelerated learning

SPARC is designed to stretch students intellectually while remaining grounded in humility and character.

## The K-2 Learning Environment

Our K-2 classrooms are:

- Structured and calm
- Warm and relational
- Supportive and developmentally appropriate

Students are encouraged to grow in confidence, independence, and joy in learning.

