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Racine Christian Introduces Transitional Kindergarten

Photo caption: Racine Christian kindergarten teacher Barb Vanderleest helps Benjamin Holland, Gracie Friesema, and Ava McLean with spring gardening projects.

Racine Christian School has announced a new K-2-1 Transitional Kindergarten Program, gradually building the schedule for students as the year progresses. In the first two quarters, children attend only three full days/week. In the third quarter, a fourth day is added. In the final quarter, the fifth day is added.



K-2-1 provides a smooth transition while adding 45 days of education during the year. The teacher can enrich the curriculum for greater retention of ideas and skills and can also spend time with students needing extra help.

Principal Dave Van Swol says, “Many five-year-olds are not mature enough for the rigor of all-day/every day kindergarten. During the first months, school can become an extension of home-life as teachers establish a caring relationship. The gradual transition to all-day school is achieved with minimal emotional and physical stress. This sets a pattern for successful schooling. We look forward to working closely with RCS families as we implement this new program.”

Racine Christian’s Barb Vanderleest has taught kindergarten for more than 20 years. Creative projects fill the walls and spaces of her classroom. She is excited about the K-2-1 Transitional Kindergarten schedule, noting, “With this new program, I will have more one-on-one time with the students, and they will be better prepared for 1st grade. For example, we will transition from 30 minutes/day of language arts to 75 minutes/day – a real boost for learning. There will also be great opportunities for fun field trips and special enrichment activities.”

RCS provides a safe, Christian learning environment with family involvement. The school is located close to home at 912 Virginia Street in Racine. The 2011-12 school year begins September 6, from 9:10 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Call Dave Van Swol at 262/634-0961 for enrollment information, or visit www.RacineChristianSchool.com.

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