



# Brazosport Christian School

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## Even our youngest students are "off and reading" with the A Beka curriculum



Brazosport Christian School uses A Beka reading and language arts curriculums in pre-kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. "Students taught using this explicit systematic approach to phonics tend to score well above the national average on the Stanford Achievement Test that is administered annually beginning in kindergarten," says Vonda Prazak, elementary principal.

### Kindergarten

The vast majority of BCS kindergarten students are reading (and having a blast) by the end of the first semester. If you could be a "fly on the wall" in one of these classrooms you would observe happy, self-confident, and enthusiastic children eagerly participating in all facets of the A Beka curriculum.



A Beka curriculum has been used to teach kindergarteners basic reading skills for more than 40 years using an intensive phonics approach. Phonics skills are applied in meaningful, character-building stories that correlate with the phonics concepts they have learned.

### Pre-Kindergarten 4

With A Beka, four-year-olds are exposed to the same systematic phonics approach used in the kindergarten curriculum. The carefully sequenced phonics-based activities provide lessons in recognition, sound and vowel formation, consonants, consonant-vowel blends, and one-syllable words.

During the first semester, chants of "Capital I, little I; I says i, i, i, as in In-di-an," can be heard up and down the preschool hall. The children learn a chant for each letter of the alphabet and by the second nine weeks are blending consonant-short vowel pairs.

During the second semester, visitors of a

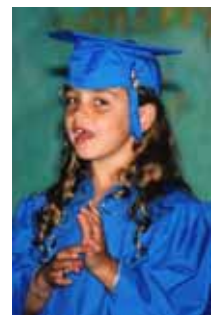
pre-kindergarten class at BCS will observe a group of confident four-year olds excitedly sounding out three-letter words.

These children naturally build on the solid phonetic foundation they acquire during the first semester. The majority of these four-year-old students are reading short sentences by year's end.

They are energized about their success, excitedly compete for their opportunity to model the proper blending, and truly appear to be enjoying their class time.

*"The children who are learning to read with the A Beka program are certainly blessed and will profit from this firm educational background for the rest of their lives,"* states Rudolf Flesch, noted author of *Why Johnny Can't Read*.

*At BCS, we agree wholeheartedly and have been blessed and thrilled to observe, for our own students, tangible evidence of this truth.*



## Equipping students for their life ministries