



George Washington Academy

"I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received."

EdKey, Inc.

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to *George Washington Academy*! We are grateful for the privilege of working with your child and your family this the 2015-2016 school year and look forward to all the learning adventures that lie ahead.

We are a school with a strong focus on families, personal responsibility, an inclusive welcoming atmosphere and strong American values. We teach reading, spelling, and writing with the Spalding methods and materials. Our math program is centered around the Saxon math curricula. Both of these programs have been proven in scientific university studies to increase student achievement in these key curricular areas.

We teach using integrated, thematic instruction, fun, logical, and effective way for children to learn. Science, Social Studies, Art, Music, PE, Math and Reading are all incorporated in teacher-developed integrated units. Units are taught through reading, video presentation, Power Point presentation, demonstrations, and hands-on participation. Every 9 weeks, your child will be asked to choose a personal interest project based on that term's theme and research, write, create, and make an oral presentation of their findings for the class. Parents are invited to attend their child's PIP presentation.

We are so blessed to have such talented and willing parents. Thanks to them, we are able to present a full music program with performance and theory every week at every grade level. Our school choir is a full-school choir. They will perform for us all in three programs—fall, holidays, and spring. These musical programs have been outstanding and we're excitedly looking forward to this year's endeavors.

Children attend school on Monday through Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Junior High Classes will meet until 3:20.) Friday mornings are available for remediation and tutoring as needed. Afternoons will be set aside for clubs such as Spanish, Art, and Lego Clubs. We hope to add to our club offerings this year. If you are interested in sponsoring or helping with a club, contact the school at 928-536-6536. You will be receiving further information about volunteering at the school for our Parent Advisory Committee President, Carin Stradling, in the near future.

I look forward to meeting you all soon. Here is to a great year!

Dr. Danielson