

## BENEFITS OF OUR VIRTUAL-ECS K-8th GRADE PROGRAMS

We prioritize our school community's emotional health by engaging in shared 'live' experiences which are grounded in our spiritual foundations.

We recognize our great need for more intentional social connections to prevent or reduce feelings of isolation, especially when we are physically separated due to online learning. Our capacity to give and receive compassion is tied directly to our emotional, social, mental and spiritual health. We hope to better support these needs through thoughtful live, whole-group and small-group interactions offered at multiple times in our daily schedules and throughout the week.

We leverage the extensive expertise of our staff to provide the best and most flexible online experiences we can offer.

Our Virtual Programs director collaborates with parents and teachers to design online learning programs that meet the needs of our diverse community. Our elementary and middle school grade-level teams work together to provide specialized and individualized instruction. We find great joy in using our skills and experience to learn from each other and serve together as classroom teams and within our larger school community.

Every student is loved, prayed for, known and taught by a classroom teaching team of dedicated Christian teachers and aides.

Our teachers' desire is to foster strong spiritual connections with their students as they build healthy relationships throughout the year, and our families choose to enroll their children at ECS because they highly value the influence of our Christian teachers and staff in their students' lives.

We live out our commitment to Christ through participation in daily and weekly activities that are foundational to our Christian faith.

- Interactive All-School Chapel: our engaging live chapel is a highlight of the week for children of all ages. Chapel offers an opportunity to worship together and hear a message that encourages us to deepen our knowledge of the Bible and apply its lessons in daily life.
- Grade-Level Bible Curriculum: at every grade, children are provided an opportunity to regularly hear and study God's Word to better understand God's plan of creation, salvation, and eternal redemption through God's Son.
- <u>Prayer</u>: children are taught how to pray to God and frequently encouraged to do so, learning to listen for God's voice and to praise Him for answered prayer.
- Following Jesus as Lord: we teach children the Gospel of Jesus, emphasizing the need to repent of our sins and put our faith in Jesus as our Savior and highest role model.
- Serving God in Service to Others: as we serve others as members of the body of Christ we learn to put into practice the fruits of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control).

Academic excellence is our goal, whether we are providing in-the-class or virtual instruction.

Our education teams continue to teach the essential and priority standards in each of our structured academic programs, with an eye toward continual improvement in our program delivery models. Our goal is to extend the rigor of our programs using new tools in the evolving remote environment.