

Entrance Ceremony for Veritas Kindergarten 2022 Congratulatory Address

To all of you who have enrolled in Veritas Kindergarten, congratulations!
Parents and guardians, congratulations on your child's enrollment.
We sincerely thank you for joining our school.

We are very happy to have had the opportunity to meet with you during such a special time in you and your child's lives.

Now, what does "Veritas" mean?

It means 'truth' in Latin.

Famous for being inscribed on the emblem of Harvard University.

No matter how many years go by, for all people, anywhere, and under any circumstance...

truth is unwavering and universal.

By keeping this in mind, my wish is to have a school that takes judgement and decision-making with true sincerity.

Thus the name, Veritas Kindergarten.

The basic educational policy of Veritas Academy can be summarized in the following five categories:

First, love yourself, love your family, love your friends, and love all people.

This will cultivate a clean and purified mind.

Second, be patriotic and proud of your own culture.

Thus we develop English language skills to share our culture with people from around the world.

Third, withstand any environment.

This will cultivate both physical and mental strength.

Fourth, develop communication skills in order to listen to others, build tolerance, and accept people for who they are.

Fifth, the spirit of community service and putting it into practice

These principles can be briefly summarized as follows:

- I. Love of humanity and purity of heart
- II. Patriotism, English language proficiency, and pride of one's culture
- III. Physical and mental strength
- IV. Communication and acceptance
- V. Community service and proactivity

As keywords they can be further summarized as the five strengths:

English proficiency.

Physical fitness.

Mental strength.

Communication skills.

Taking action

In addition to these strengths are the five hearts:

Love of people.

Love of thy country.

A clean and purified heart.

Forgiveness and tolerance of others.

Service to society.

Cultivating these five strengths and five hearts is the framework of our school's educational philosophy and educational policy.

I believe that education is, above all, the path to becoming virtuous human beings.

By having this upbringing, the children will be able to show both their parents and teachers that they can: engage in activities that will benefit the future for society, show they are able to live a healthy and respectable life, give back to society in thanks to the blessings they've received.

This is because each and every one of our students, not only during their years here but also after graduation, can continue to use these values to grow and learn.

These are the educational philosophies that Veritas Kindergarten strives for.

We hope that the children who have entered our kindergarten today will grow up in good health.

All of us will do our utmost to support the students in achieving these goals.

I would like to conclude my congratulatory address by asking for your continued support.

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Veritas School Corporation

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