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Learning is fun at The Noble Academy

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Sandra H. Noble has been working with children all of her career. A retired Chesterfield teacher and principal, Noble opened The Noble Academy a little over a year ago.

"Our mission is to honor God, enrich lives and to serve people in an excellent way," Noble says. "We promise Chesterfield and Richmond families a nurturing educational environment in which each child can acquire lifelong skills and knowledge in order to make appropriate choices and become responsible citizens."

The Academy uses the Christian-based A-Beka learning program for children ages 2 years and up. The pre-school curriculum is aligned with the Virginia SOLs.

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"We use the Pinnacle program for infants," Noble says. "It's a Christian-based program with songs, finger play and art activities for children younger than 2."

The Academy offers a before- and after-school program for school children ages 5 to 12.



Sandra H. Noble opened The Noble Academy in August 2006. The school is located at 5000 Ridgedale Parkway in Chesterfield.

"We also offer Spanish and sign language classes for children ages 2 and up," Noble says. "We have parent workshops, and we offer parents morning coffee every day. At Christmas we have a breakfast with Santa."

Every classroom in the school is equipped with a video monitor, allowing parents to view the classroom online for a small fee. The school serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack and offers creative activities on "Fun Fridays." It also provides homework assistance and tutoring for school-age children.

"Also, every child in the center has a savings account with First Market Bank," Noble says. "They save at least \$1 a week."

The Academy is currently looking for highly qualified teachers in a variety of areas, from toddler and infant classes to before- and after-school programs. The school is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We are growing so rapidly," Noble says. "We have a need for teachers in all areas."

Teachers who work at The Noble Academy enjoy the atmosphere.

"They can feel the warmth," Noble says. "We have a very friendly staff."

If you're interested in job opportunities at The Noble Academy, go to www.thenobleacademy.com, or call 275-5683, or 275-6428.