

Curriculum Overview

Bible

- 📖 Grades K-8, every day
- 📖 We teach the Bible for our students to...
 - know the history of God's people and who Jesus is*
 - realize their need for a personal relationship with Jesus*
 - understand how they should live their lives to please and serve Him*
- 📖 Taught with academic rigor radiating a heart changing resolve
- 📖 Curriculum K-2: Old Testament and New Testament events, people, and character traits illustrating God's care and blessings for His people
- 📖 Curriculum Gr. 3-5: Study of creation, the judges, kings, and prophets, the gospels, NT letters, the church, and Revelation
- 📖 Curriculum Gr. 6-7: Review of the OT, study of inter-testamentary times, study of Christ's ministry, the early church, and Paul's journeys
- 📖 Curriculum Gr.8: Developing and solidifying a Biblical worldview through examination of culture as it relates to theology, philosophy, ethics, media, and sciences; specialized units on relationships, service, and apologetics
- 📖 Publishers: Purposeful Design Publications ACSI, Christian Schools International, Summit Ministries

English, Reading, Word Study, Handwriting

- ✂ Grades K-8, everyday
- ✂ Phonics, reading, literature, word study, handwriting, spelling, grammar, writing, speaking, and listening
- ✂ We teach language arts to... *equip students to communicate clearly and orderly, with confidence and boldness as they live out their commitment to Christ in a changing world*
- ✂ Skill based learning with an application emphasis
- ✂ Explicit instruction in a rich literacy and communication program:

<u>English</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Word Study</u>	<u>Handwriting</u>
Grammar	Phonics	Spelling	Manuscript
Writing	Phonemic Awareness	Latin and Greek Roots	Cursive
Speaking	Literature		
Listening	Novel Studies		
- ✂ Publishers: Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Jolly Phonics, Scott Foresman, Houghton Mifflin, Holt, Rinehart & Winston

Mathematics

- ① Grades K-8, everyday
- ② We teach math...
 - + *to understand God's attributes and character of universality, order, precision, dependability, and sovereignty*
 - + *as an essential life skill*
 - + *to develop disciplines of focus, logic, problem solving, accuracy, and discernment*
- ③ Based on an algebra continuum
- ④ Balance of math theory, concept development, and skill mastery
- ⑤ Differentiated instruction for depth of coverage with appropriate pacing
- Publishers: Purposeful Design Publications ACSI, McGraw-Hill, McDougal Littell

Science, STEAM

- ◆ Grades K-5, two to three times a week; Grades 6-8, daily
- ◆ We teach science...
to learn the practical knowledge of the world around us to recognize God as the Creator, making everything with a purpose
- ◆ Hands-on, inquiry-based development of science, coding, and engineering process skills (NGSS)
- ◆ Grades K-5: an integration of earth, life, and physical science taught thru specific units + STEAM (i.e., living and nonliving things, ecosystems, natural resources, weather, space, energy, motion)
- ◆ Grade 6: Earth Science + STEAM
- ◆ Grade 7: Life Science + STEAM
- ◆ Grade 8: Physical Science + STEAM
- ◆ Publishers: Mystery Science, Generation Genius, Discovery Education, Harcourt, NSTA, Prentice Hall

Social Studies, Geography, History

- ⌚ Grades K-5, two to three times a week; Grades 6-8, daily
- ⌚ We teach social studies to...
cultivate an appreciation and understanding of people, places, and events in history
learn from the past to bear witness to God's sovereignty
develop global knowledge and perspective
- ⌚ Focused on the eight strands of social studies that define the people and the world we live in, applying the six elements of geography
- ⌚ Grade K-4: Understanding the earth; geography, historical events, communities, states, regions of the United States; comparing communities around the world
- ⌚ Grades 5 & 6: World Studies; countries, geography
- ⌚ Grades 7 & 8: US History and US & IL Constitution
- ⌚ Publishers: BJU Publishers

Specials

- ✋ **Art** Grades K-8, weekly: *Learning about renowned artists, experiencing a variety of mediums, developing skills of ability and expression all for the glory of God*
- ✋ **Foreign Language** Grades 1-8 2x/week; Grades 6-8 Spanish Level 1: *Studying Spanish fosters an appreciation of and sensitivity to multicultural communities, preparing students to work effectively and humbly with others to share the Gospel of Christ*
- ✋ **Library** Grades K-8, weekly: *Serving as a gateway of information for students, providing support to instruction and literacy development in the information age; library science skills are developed*
- ✋ **Multi-Media Literacy (MML)** Computer Skills Gr. K-8, weekly: *Applying hardware and software as "tools" to communicate with, learn from, and utilize in the processing of information & technology*
- ✋ **Music** Grades K-5 2x/week; Gr. 4-5 Orchestra, Band; Gr. 6-8 Orchestra, Band, Choir, Ensembles
Expressing praise and worship to our Creator, communicating with others, while understanding the function and purpose of music
- ✋ **Physical Education** K-8, 3x/week: *Caring for our bodies, training, and developing our physical abilities, as a valuable gift from God*