

Curriculum Overview

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1st Grade

Bible: (Purposeful Design) In Bible class we focus on the foundational teachings the Bible tells us about: the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. We give an overview of the Bible, emphasizing God’s attributes, biblical characters, the early church, and what it means to know and live for Christ. There are lessons for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Our school has a school wide weekly memory verse that focusses on a Godly character trait. We also have a weekly chapel with worship and a message.

Math: (Big Ideas) Our math class teaches students many concepts including: counting, writing and reading numbers, place value, addition and subtraction, money, graphs, measurements, time, temperature, and beginning fractions.

Phonics: (BJU Press) Our phonics lessons are broken into themes to help excite our students in learning: phonics, reading, listening, comprehension, creative writing, and grammar. There are six main units that cover short and long vowels, single consonant blends, and diagraphs, r-influenced vowels, special vowel sounds, silent consonants, suffixes, and syllable division. We also teach word families to show phonetic patterns.

Reading: (BJU Press) Our reading class helps to emphasize what we are learning in phonics. We read a variety of genres including fiction, poems, plays, articles, and Bible stories. We use vocabulary words to learn context clues and discuss our readings through questions developing our critical thinking skills and comprehension. We read in groups, individually, and as a class. In addition to our curriculum we have daily AR time where students are given time to read and test on books at their personal reading level.

Spelling: (BJU Press) Our spelling lessons focus on reliable spelling and structure patterns. They also emphasize study practices for our students. There are two spelling tests given weekly. On Wednesdays students take a pre-test and on Fridays students take a final test for that unit.

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History: (BJU Press Heritage Studies) History lessons teach our students about the New World from the years pre-1,000 to 1682. Students learn about Vikings, Columbus, Plymouth Plantation, trading, Native Americans, and early homes and schools. They also complete a state or country report towards the end of the year.

Science (BJU Press) We introduce students to the basics of science. We teach about the weather and seasons, our five senses, animals, plants, matter, pushes and pulls, and health and safety. We incorporate fun activities and/or experiments for each lesson.

P.E.: Students will be able to participate in a Physical Education class once a week for a half hour.

Music Program: Students will attend Music Class once a week. They will be able to showcase all they learn in Music through our Christmas and Spring Performances!

Art: We incorporate meaningful art lessons to complement what we are learning in Bible, Heritage Studies and Science.

Technology: Technology is woven throughout every subject in various ways, whether to spice up a lesson, take a test or improve the children’s computer skills.

Library: Students attend Library once a week.

Parents are invited to join our class for two opportunities during the year:

In November, we like to invite our parents for a reading of Stone Soup. We participate in fun activities and this is a chance for parents to hear their child read. In March, we invite parents to join us for our presentation of our history reports. It is an exciting time for the students to showcase what they have learned in history.

Students will Memorize:

- Weekly Bible Verses
- Pledge to the Bible
- Pledge to the American Flag
- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- The Ten Commandments