

Elementary Curriculum

Curriculum Overview

Math - Every Day Math

Language Arts - Shurley English

History - Bob Jones Heritage Studies, 4th grade also covers Ohio history

Science - K-5 – ACSI Purposeful Design science series

Science - 6th grade – Bob Jones Science

Bible—ACSI Purposeful Design Bible series

Kindergarten Language Arts, Bible – Bob Jones Kindergarten Beginnings, Bob Jones K5 Bible Truths (we work our way through the Bible beginning with Adam and Eve and ending the year talking about the disciples)

Bible

Students have workbooks and cover various sections of the Bible each year.

Time is also spent teaching students about character qualities.

Each week students memorize Scripture.

Our Bible time is often more devotional in nature. It is a time to address heart issues that we see arising in the class.

Time is given to older students to study a lesson in the Bible and lead a devotion.

Prayer time is also a big part of our day.

All of the other subjects are integrated with the Bible throughout the day.

Math

Hands on with a variety of methods to cover topics.

Technology is a component.

Basic skills are learned in the lower grades.

Upper grades get into practical application of math and into very early pre-algebra.

Math curriculum is available online for parent/student access; 'Home Links' are pages sent home as homework in order to reinforce basic concepts being taught.

K-3 have a subscription to Math Seeds, an online math program for school and home use.

1st Grade has a new math game almost everyday that reinforces the concept we learn in a brief lesson.

Language Arts

Intensive grammar program that teaches students to be able to identify how words are used in sentences.

It also teaches writing paragraphs and essays as well as creating narratives.

It has a journaling component.

Some classes participate in essay writing.

Proofreading and editing skills are taught starting in the second grade.

Reading

Kindergarten students are encouraged to participate in the Pizza Hut Book-It program. Students are encouraged to read 20 minutes a night for a minimum number of days per month. When calendars are collected at the end of the month, students who have reached the goal earn a certificate for an individual sized pizza. When followed, this program exposes students to a large amount of words and vocabulary.

1st Grade students participate in Reading Groups every day. There are 5 groups that students rotate through, which include: reading with teacher, reading to self, handwriting, comprehension paper/word work, and Reading Eggs on the iPad. This grade also participates in the Pizza Hut Book-It program.

Grades K-3 have an online reading program for home and school use. The program promotes comprehension, phonics, vocabulary, and fluency skills.

Grades 3-6 participate in the Accelerated Reading program. This is a program where student are tested and given a reading level. They read books in that level and take quizzes on them. The teachers set goals for the students to be reading 15-20 minutes a day.

Science

Content is covered in a variety of ways from class discussions to STEM activities that match topics.

Kindergarten does a study on caterpillars/butterflies. We grow caterpillars and then release the butterflies. Students work on a journal during the study and are writing sentences.

Kindergarten does a number of Science experiments throughout the year. These experiments allow the students to observe and journal what they are seeing.

1st grade only does Science the 2nd semester (And Social Studies for the 1st semester)

2nd Grade hatches chicks.

6th grade – makes volcanoes, cell models, and other fun things.

History

Covers topics in history from a Christian perspective.

1st grade studies how God created the earth, families that work together, community helpers, and how America was discovered. We do Social Studies the 1st semester and Science the 2nd semester.

2nd grade begins history with the fact that God created our world. Knowing that he created our world, makes it important to understand how and why we became a country.

3rd grade covers United States History from the time of the early explorers and Native Americans, up to the end of the Civil War.

4th grade covers Ohio state history.

5th grade covers United States history.

6th grade covers ancient civilizations up to the Middle Ages.

Physical Education

All classes have P.E. once a week.

Kindergarten participates in PE twice a week.

Art & Music

All classes have art class once a week

General music is taken by all students Pre K-6. They perform two programs every year.

In addition to General Music, students in grades five and six choose a Band or Orchestra instrument and receive instruction in a group setting twice per week.

Library/Computers

All classes spend time selecting books in the library each week selecting books to read.

Kindergarten completes lessons on Reading Eggs and Math Seeds. These lessons start with introductory concepts of reading, writing and math. As lessons progress, so does the learning and concepts learned. Lessons are completed once a week in the classroom on ipads. Information is also sent home and students are encouraged to complete 2 lessons each week.

Students also work on program called Learning.com that teaches them basic computer skills and typing. It also covers Internet safety.