

Kindergarten Curriculum

Bible – Bible Kindergarten by Purposeful Design Publications (ACSI)

Familiar Bible truths that emphasize God's loving care are taught through 34 week long lessons. Each week covers a Bible story with application made to the student's life. One verse each month is memorized.

Reading – Journeys by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2012)

There are six units of study that include whole group, small group and independent lessons. One sound is taught for each letter including short vowels. Forty high frequency words are taught. Other areas covered include grammar, vocabulary, comprehension and writing.

Mathematics – Mathematics Scott Foresman, Addison Wesley (2005)

Students learn to identify, count and write one through one hundred. Patterns, measurement, time, money and geometry are covered. Addition and subtraction are introduced. Math lessons are very hands on using manipulatives.

Social Studies

Social Studies is taught informally and covers holidays, history and important people.

Science

Informal Science units include seasons, weather, plants, magnets and fire safety. Two field trips to follow-up are pumpkin picking and a fire house visit.

First Grade Curriculum

Bible – Bible * Grade 1 by Purposeful Design Publications (ACSI)

Bible has 34 lessons that teach about various Old and New Testament characters, the nature and character of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ and the early church. These lessons are applied to the children's lives through stories, workbook pages, tests and memory verses.

Reading - Journeys by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2012)

Reading is divided into 30 Lessons. Each lesson introduces a phonics skill, a story, comprehension skills, vocabulary, weekly spelling words, grammar skills and a writing lesson. The children read from a hard cover book, a decodable book and a weekly leveled story. There is an assessment of skills learned at the end of each lesson. Two workbooks reinforce the lessons learned. A story is written weekly.

Mathematics – Mathematics by Scott Foresman and Addison Wesley

This book teaches geometric figures, patterns, place value, money, calendar, time, measuring, fractions, and graphs. The children also learn addition and subtraction facts to 18. They also have drills to practice the facts and keep them fresh.

Handwriting – Zaner-Blozer

This handwriting series teaches the children to write their letters properly. The children also are taught the keys to legibility: shape, size, spacing and slant.

Social Studies – Horizons: About My World by Harcourt

This book covers six units: “**Going to School**”, “**Good Citizens**”, “**The Land Around Us**” (geography), “**All About People**” (other countries), “**Looking Back**” (US History) and “**Jobs People Do**”. There are worksheets that we work on to reinforce the lessons we have learned. We complete Social Studies in two marking periods.

Science – Scott Foresman

The book covers four units: **Life Science** (plants, animals, habitat), **Physical Science** (grouping objects, sound, light, heat, moving, and working), **Earth Science** (Earth, Weather, Sky) and the **Human Body** (senses, growing and changing, health). There are worksheets to reinforce the lessons and some hands-on experiments. We complete Science in two marking periods.

Second Grade Curriculum

Bible – Bible Grade 2, Purposeful Design Publications (ACSI)

We study different Bible characters from both the Old and New Testaments. We learn their character traits and how to emulate these godly traits in our lives. The Bible verses correlate with the lessons. Tests are administered weekly, including a Bible verse.

Reading – Journeys by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2012)

We increase our reading skills and abilities through our basal readers and decodable books. Weekly lessons target phonics sounds, high frequency words, vocabulary words and specific reading skills. Students will be able to read stories from an on-line site.

Language – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Our language program is included in our reading program. We cover grammar skills and writing skills. Sentence structure and parts of speech are emphasized. Book reports will be completed later in the year.

Spelling – Association of Christian Schools International

The year begins with twelve words per week and ends with eighteen words per week. Review lessons are interspersed throughout the book. Phonics lessons are presented weekly.

Mathematics – Mathematics by Scott Foresman and Addison Wesley

Addition and subtraction facts are reviewed and mastered. Timed tests are given for the math facts. We learn two and three digit addition and subtraction using renaming. At the end of the year basic multiplication skills are introduced.

Social Studies – Horizons: About My Community by Harcourt

We study our communities and the people that serve us. We also learn basic map skills and study the Native American Indian. Social Studies is completed in two marking periods.

Science – Scott Foresman

There are four units of study in second grade. We study life science (plants, animals and fossils), physical science (matter, sound heat and light, force, magnets and electricity), earth science (earth, weather, seasons, and the solar system), and the human body (how your body works, nutrition, and keeping healthy). Science is completed in two marking periods.

Handwriting – Zaner-Bloser

Manuscript handwriting is reviewed and then cursive writing is introduced. By the end of the year, all writing will be in cursive.

Third Grade Curriculum

Bible – Bible * Grade 3 by Purposeful Design Publications (ACSI)

Bible has 34 lessons that teach about the life of Christ, the nature and character of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ, the early church, and Paul's missionary journeys. These lessons are applied to the children's lives through stories, workbook pages, tests and memory verses.

Reading & Language- Journeys by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2012)

Reading and Language are divided into 25 Lessons. Each Reading lesson includes a pair of selections from various genres. Each lesson introduces a phonics skill, a comprehension skill, and weekly vocabulary words. The Language lessons are coordinated with the stories read each week through Grammar skills and a writing lesson. The children read from a hard cover book, a decodable book and a weekly leveled story. There is an assessment of skills learned at the end of each lesson. Two workbooks reinforce the lessons learned. Students complete a different writing project weekly.

Mathematics – Mathematics by Scott Foresman and Addison Wesley

This book teaches place value, money, addition, subtraction, time, data, graphs, multiplication, division, geometry, measurement, fractions, decimals, multiplying and dividing greater numbers, and probability. The students also memorize basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division facts. They also have timed drills to practice the facts.

Handwriting – Zaner-Blozer

This handwriting series reviews manuscript writing and goes on to develop the proper formation of the cursive letters. The students also learn the keys to legibility: shape, size, spacing and slant.

Social Studies – Our American Heritage-A Beka Books

This book covers U.S. History through the lives of great Americans from Columbus through Martin Luther King, Jr. There is a quiz after each chapter and a unit test after every third chapter. Map skills are introduced through weekly map skills sheets. Students also memorize the oceans, continents, 50 states and their capitals.

Science – Scott Foresman

The book covers four units: Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science, and the Human Body. Students learn note taking as we read the lessons together and then record the main points in our Science notebooks, Students then study their notes in preparation for the quiz on each lesson. We also do several labs that coordinate with each chapter. Students are required to take part in the lab and complete a lab manual to record their findings. There are tests at the end of each chapter and a Unit Review and test at the conclusion of each unit.

Fourth Grade Curriculum

Bible—Purposeful Design Bible, Grade 4 (ACSI)

Our 4th grade Bible curriculum focuses on basic doctrines of God’s Word, including the Bible as the inspired Word of God, attributes of God, an in-depth study of each member of the Trinity, sin, salvation, evangelism, angels, and the return of Christ. Each week, students memorize a Bible verse which directly relates to the weekly topic. Students also memorize the order and spelling of the 66 books of the Bible.

Language Arts—Mosdos Press Literature, Ruby Edition and World of Language by Silver Burdett Ginn

Two textbooks are used for language arts in 4th grade. Mosdos Press Literature is an engaging collection of stories which are not only enjoyable for students to read, but through these stories students learn important reading skills and literary elements. Students identify and examine essential story elements including plot, characters, setting, and theme. Students receive a corresponding workbook in which they complete vocabulary and critical thinking activities.

In World of Language, the students build on their knowledge of the English language. Fourth graders fine-tune their writing skills while reviewing parts of speech such as nouns, pronouns, and verbs. Students learn to liven up their sentences with adjectives and adverbs. Throughout the year, students use the writing process to create narratives as well as poetry.

Mathematics—Mathematics, Grade 4 by Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley

In 4th grade math, we begin the year reviewing place value as well as addition and subtraction of larger numbers. Mid-year we place a strong emphasis on multiplication and long division. Students take daily multiplication timed tests and set personal goals to improve their accuracy and beat their time. “Math Whiz” awards are given for exceptional performance. Towards the close of the school year, fractions are introduced. Students receive a corresponding workbook in which they can practice each daily lesson.

Social Studies—States and Regions by Harcourt Brace

Fourth grade social studies brings students on a journey through the United States as we study each of the five regions—the Northeast, Southeast, Mid-West, Southwest, and the West. Students learn major industries, natural resources, topography, and the climate of each region. The text is sprinkled with critical thinking skills, as well as map and graph reading skills. Students memorize all of the states and capitals and complete fun and informative quarterly projects which give them the opportunity to examine the geography of our great nation.

Science—Science by Harcourt School Publishers

Our science curriculum is divided into six units—The World of Living Things, Looking at Ecosystems, Earth’s Changing Surface, Weather and Space, Matter and Energy, and Forces and Motion. An emphasis is placed on the Scientific Method as we use our Lab Manuals to conduct fun and exciting experiments throughout the school year. As an extension of what is learned in class, students complete fun and informative quarterly projects. A corresponding workbook is included to review key facts from each chapter. This curriculum challenges students to use key reading skills, such as finding the main idea, comparing and contrasting, summarizing, etc. as they explore the exciting truths of God’s magnificent creation.

Fifth Grade Curriculum

Bible – Bible Grade 5, Publisher Purposeful Design (ACSI)

A study of Old Testament Bible characters and foundational truths about God as we study the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, the Judges and on through the book of Nehemiah.

Language Arts - World of Language, Silver Burdett Ginn; Coral, Mosdos Press; ACSI Spelling 5 Purposeful Design

The Language Arts program in 5th grade incorporates the integrated study of spelling, grammar, literature, and writing composition. Weekly spelling lessons are based on various spelling patterns and including content based vocabulary words organized into science-based themes. Grammar units focus on the eight parts of speech and how they are appropriately used in sentence structure. Many literature genres are read and discussed with emphasis on the four basic elements of plot, character, setting, and theme. Mastery of these concepts is then practiced as students compose their own writing samples with several different purposes as their goals, including description, how-to article, and persuasive essay. The five-step writing process is taught as the basic structure to be utilized when approaching any writing endeavor.

Mathematics - Mathematics, Scott Foresman 2005

Topics covered include: Place values of whole number and decimals, operations with whole numbers, decimals with an emphasis on long division, greatest common factor and least common multiple, operations with fractions, including equivalent fractions and simplest form, creating and interpreting bar graphs, line graphs, coordinate graphs, identifying types of angles and polygons, and finding the area and perimeter of polygons

Social Studies – Harcourt Horizons United States History, Harcourt, Inc.

We begin with a look at early exploration and how our country was first settled. Students learn how the colonies were first settled and the events which led to the American Revolution. We study the Constitution as well as our responsibility as citizens of America in helping to keep this a great nation.

Science - HSP Science, Harcourt School Publishers, 2009

In 5th & 6th grades, half the book is covered in one year and the second half the following year. Science is taught through a Bible perspective, and the 2-year cycle includes:
Life Science: cells, heredity, cell reproduction, classification of living things, ecosystems
Earth Science: plate tectonics, rock cycle, water cycle, changes to the Earth's surface, responsible use of resources, weather, the universe
Physical Science: atoms, elements, properties of matter, energy, forces and motion

Sixth Grade Curriculum

Bible – Bible Grade 6, Purposeful Design (ACSI)

A study of the New Testament and the early church with a focus on Paul's epistles and lessons on love and unity among believers.

Language Arts - Sixth grade language arts includes Spelling, Grammar and Literature.

Spelling – Wordly Wise 3000, School Specialty, Inc.

Words and their meanings are taught and strengthened through the weekly lessons.

Grammar – World of Language, Silver Burdett Ginn

study of grammar and the rules used to strengthen speaking and writing English.

Literature – Literature, Holt McDougal

A look at different types of stories including auto-biographies, poetry, fiction, drama, and myths. Students read, discuss and write responses as they are exposed to various types of literature.

Mathematics – Middle School Math, Course 1 McDougal Littell

Topics covered include, whole number operations, powers & exponents, order of operations, decimal and fraction operations, creating and interpreting various types of graphs & graphing statistics, customary and metric units of measurement, ratio, proportion, percent, identify & measure angles and polygons, introduction to integers

Social Studies - Harcourt Horizons World History, Harcourt, Inc.

The following ancient civilizations are taught: Sumer, Egypt, Israel, Phoenicia, Lydia, Greece and Rome. We also study the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and Reformation. Our studies allow us to learn about ancient cultures and understand where much of our own government and ideas have come from.

Science – HSP Science, Harcourt School Publishers, (2009)

In 5th & 6th grades, half the book is covered in one year and the second half the following year. Science is taught through a Bible perspective, and the 2-year cycle includes:
Life Science: cells, heredity, cell reproduction, classification of living things, ecosystems
Earth Science: plate tectonics, rock cycle, water cycle, changes to the Earth's surface, responsible use of resources, weather, the universe
Physical Science: atoms, elements, properties of matter, energy, forces and motion