

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
- 📖 Purposeful Design Publications, Christian Schools International, Summit Ministries

LANGUAGE ARTS & LITERATURE

- ✂ Grades K-8, everyday
- ✂ Phonics, grammar, writing, reading, spelling, literature, and oral expression
- ✂ 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 literacy rich program:

phonemic awareness	literary elements	genre reviews
writing process	literature anthology	spelling patterns
trait writing	novel studies	Latin & Greek Roots
- ✂ 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
- ⑥ Gr. K-5: Mathematics. Purposeful Design Publications, 2nd Edition 2016
- ⑦ Gr.6-8: Glencoe Math Course 1, Course 2, Course 3. McGraw-Hill, 2016
Glencoe Math Accelerated. McGraw-Hill, 2017
Glencoe Algebra 1. McGraw-Hill, 2018
Geometry for Enjoyment and Challenge. McDougal Littell, 2004

SCIENCE

- ◆ 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 application of the scientific method and science processing skills
- ◆ Grades K-5: an integration of earth, life, and physical science taught thru specific units (i.e. living and nonliving things, ecosystems, natural resources, weather, space, energy, motion)
- ◆ Grade 6: Earth Science + STEM
- ◆ Grade 7: Life Science + STEM
- ◆ Grade 8: Physical Science + STEM
- ◆ Harcourt Science, Prentice Hall Science Explorer

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
- ⌚ MacMillan McGraw Hill, Holt Rinehart & Winston

SPECIALS

- ✎ **Art** K-8, weekly: *Learning about great artists, experiencing a variety of mediums, developing skills of ability and expression all for the glory of God*
- ✎ **Spanish** Grades K-8 (K-5: 2x/wk.; Gr 6 2x/wk.; Gr 7 3x/wk.; Gr 8 4x/wk.): *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** K-8, weekly: *Serving as a gateway of information for students, providing support to instruction and literacy development in the information age*
- ✎ **Multi-Media Literacy (MML)** Computer Skills K-8, weekly: *Applying hardware and software as "tools" to communicate with, learn from, and utilize in the processing of information*
- ✎ **Music** K-5, twice a week; Gr. 4-5 orchestra, band; Gr. 6-8 orchestra, band, choir, Foundations class
Expressing praise and worship to our Creator, communicating with others, while understanding the function and purpose of music
- ✎ **Physical Education** K-8, three times a week: *Caring for our bodies, training, and developing our physical abilities, as a valuable gift from God*