

Elementary Curriculum Map

Kindergarten:

Abeka Phonics & Cursive — By the end of the year, students can fluently read short sentences, decode CVC words, and have worked through 10 special sounds charts. In handwriting, students will have studied all cursive letter formation and can write two legible sentences.

BJU Math — By the end of the school year, students will have built a basic understanding of base ten, can count up to 100, add and subtract to 6, and recognize 2D and 3D shapes

Bible — By the end of the school year, students can recite 27 memory verses that coincide with the letters of the alphabet, students learn traditional childhood Bible stories (i.e. Noah's Ark, Daniel in the Lion's Den)

Exhibition Project — Hobbies and Collections Project

Class Field Trip — Rich's Farm for Fall Festival

First Grade:

Abeka Phonics & Cursive — systematic phonics

HMH Reading — By the end of the year, students will have been exposed to various genres of literature and nonfiction texts. Students will be able to answer basic comprehension questions in complete sentences.

BJU Math — By the end of the school year, students can add and subtract to 20 using renaming and regrouping. Students will be able to tell time to the quarter hour, read a calendar, count change, use measurement tools, and recognize the attributes of 2D and 3D shapes.

Bible — In first grade, we focus on connecting the hope and promise of the gospel to both Old Testament and New Testament Bible stories.

Exhibition Project — Careers and Interests Project

Class Field Trip — Laurel Caverns

Second Grade:

Abeka Phonics & Cursive — Students will use decoding to read text fluently. Students can form all cursive letters correctly and write a complete legible sentence in cursive.

HMH Reading/Writing — By the end of the year, students will have been exposed to various genres of literature and nonfiction texts. Students will be able to answer comprehension questions in complete sentences. Students will begin independently forming paragraphs composed of 3-5 sentences.

BJU Math — By the end of the school year, students can add and subtract two-digit numbers. Students will be introduced to repeated addition and subtraction, tell time to the quarter hour, and count money including coins and bills. Students will use measurement tools, work with place value to the thousands, and find the perimeter of plane figures. Students will partition shapes and compare fractions.

Bible — Students will learn a weekly Bible verse to recite on Fridays. In Bible class, students focus on characters of the Bible and the lessons they can learn from these figures.

Exhibition Project — The Trinity Zoo, Animal Exploration Project

Class Field Trip — Hovatter's Wildlife Zoo

Third Grade:

HMH Reading — By the end of the school year, students will be exposed to grade-level text including different genres of literature and non-fiction and fiction grade-level text. Students will master critical

thinking and a deeper level of understanding of text comprehension. Students begin to learn the format of a 5 paragraph essay and by the middle of the school year are capable of composing a 5 paragraph essay, with special detail in sentence structure and complexity.

BJU Math — Third-grade mathematics is focused on new concepts and building upon mathematical foundations. At the beginning of the school year students will build on 2 and 3-digit addition and subtraction, moving quickly towards 4 and 5-digit addition and subtraction. New concepts are introduced with multiplication, division, fractions, and time-lapse. By the end of the year, students will multiply and divide by single-digit divisors. Geometry continues to build from the foundational units presented in second grade.

Bible — Students will take an in-depth look at the Life of Jesus with a focus on the New Testament. Students learn a weekly Bible verse to be recorded on Fridays. Special emphasis is placed on learning Galatians 5:22-23, the Fruits of the Spirit.

History — Students will be introduced to the basics of the United States Government and citizenship.

Exhibition Project — Native American Regions Project - Students take a field trip to Meadowcroft in Pennsylvania to explore Native American Culture and Early Settlement within the region.

Class Field Trip — Meadowcroft Rock Shelter & Historic Village

Fourth Grade:

HMH Reading — By the end of the school year, students will be exposed to grade-level text including various genres of literature and non-fiction. Students will hone their critical thinking skills and develop a deeper understanding of the text. Students participate in literature circles and focus on reading stamina. Students progress in their ability to write a five-paragraph essay and practice writing a variety of pieces including narrative, opinion, and informational writing.

BJU Math — By the end of the school year students will have become fluent in the four basic functions of math: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Students work with decimals to the hundredths, fractions with like and unlike denominators, and interpreting graphs. Students will focus on the attributes of 2D and 3D figures.

Bible — In fourth grade our Bible curriculum focuses on the attributes of God and his role in our students' lives. They take a deep dive into God's omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence. The role of the Trinity is also discussed in detail throughout the school year.

History — Our fourth-grade history curriculum explores the beginnings of the United States dating back as early as the Native American regions. The curriculum moves through the stages of development including exploration, colonization, the colonial period, the industrial revolution, etc.

Exhibition Project — The Colonial Market

Class Field Trip — The Carnegie Science Center

Fifth Grade:

HMH Reading — By the end of the school year, students will be exposed to grade-level text including various genres of literature and non-fiction. Students progress in their ability to write an essay. Students write poetry, narratives, opinion essays, and informational research papers.

BJU Math — In fifth-grade math, students focus on number sense. Students are expected to add and subtract large numbers fluently. The four basic functions of math are extended to using decimals and fractions. Students are introduced to rates, ratios, and percentages. Students spend time learning customary and metric measurements. In geometry, students fluently calculate perimeter, area, and volume. Students use data sets to interpret and generate graphs.

Bible — The Bible Curriculum for fifth grade is a chronological survey of the Old Testament focusing on several Bible characters. As a result, students will better understand God, His plan, and His principles for living. Students will realize that listening to God and making wise choices brings real joy and peace.

History — The History Curriculum covers the events leading up to the Civil War through the post-war Reconstruction, focusing on the events that led to West Virginia’s statehood.

Field Trip — Class field trip to Harper’s Ferry for a firsthand look at where early Civil War events happened.

Exhibition Project — Students run a Christmas Store.

Third-Fifth Grade i-Ready Math and Reading Lab: i-Ready Diagnostic & Instruction begins by giving students an adaptive assessment in reading or math. An adaptive assessment is a test that automatically adjusts the difficulty of the questions according to each student’s performance to determine his or her abilities in reading or math. The online instruction is designed to be both challenging and engaging. i-Ready delivers instruction using engaging, contemporary animation; the lessons are also interactive. The result is an experience that attracts and holds your child’s interest while also teaching important skills and concepts. These lessons are proven to help students grow academically.

Elementary Specials:

Music — All Elementary students participate in general music. Music enhances cognitive skills and academic achievement. Research shows that students involved in music perform better in subjects like math and reading. Music also fosters creativity and self-expression. It provides an outlet for students to explore their emotions and develop their artistic abilities. All Elementary students participate in an yearly Christmas performance.

Art — All Elementary students participate in general art. Art education fosters creativity and critical thinking skills in our students. Art also helps develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Additionally, it promotes cultural understanding and appreciation.

Physical Education — Physical education promotes physical fitness and health and also develops important life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and self-discipline. Additionally, it helps improve concentration and focus, leading to enhanced academic performance in other subjects. Engaging in physical activity also fosters social connections among students, promoting inclusivity and reducing instances of bullying. Furthermore, physical education provides a safe environment for students to explore and express themselves, boosting their self-confidence and self-esteem.

Elementary Science —

	Life Science	Earth & Space Science	Physical Science
Kindergarten	Animals Two by Two	Trees and Weather	Materials and Motion
First Grade	Plants and Animals	Air and Weather	Sound and Light
Second Grade	Insects and Plants	Pebbles Sand and Silt	Solids and Liquids
Third Grade	Structures of Life	Water and Climate	Motions and Matter

Fourth Grade	Environments	Soils, Rocks, and Landforms	Energy
Fifth Grade	Living Systems	Earth and Sun	Mixtures and Solutions

Elementary Chapel — Elementary students attend chapel each Thursday. Our fifth graders lead the worship, pray, and introduce the speaker. Chapel speakers are local pastors, TCS teachers and administrators, and other friends of the school. Each elementary class presents chapel twice during the year. The classes work with their teacher to create a message to present and lead the worship for the service.