

Curriculum

Teachers will use a variety of materials to supplement and provide a well-rounded curriculum. Following is merely an overview of the curriculum we use:

Bible – Our Character First curriculum emphasizes a different character virtue each month. We feel it is important to focus on training our children’s hearts to follow God in all that they do from a very young age. Bible is also integrated into other subjects in the classroom by the teachers.

Math - Saxon Math, used in the primary grades, is a curriculum which teaches to the different styles of learning and emphasizes repetition. It includes a manipulative kit which allows students to better understand what they are doing on paper. New material is introduced and then it is reviewed throughout the remainder of the year so that what they have learned is not forgotten. Saxon includes mental math and word problems which put math into real-life situations and help to make it meaningful. The Teaching Textbook series is used in the upper grades in order to give students who are learning more difficult concepts the extra, focused practice they need to master those concepts in preparation for high school level math.

Phonics/ Reading – Saxon Phonics and Spelling is used in K-3rd to practice sounds, teach phonograms, and apply them to reading. This curriculum is a systematic, phonetic approach to reading instruction which is very comprehensive.

Latin- Starting in 2nd and 3rd grade students begin Prima Latina using the classical pronunciation. The program provides 25 lessons, each including a grammar skill, 5 vocabulary words with corresponding English derivatives, a practical Latin phrase, and one line of a prayer that is learned in totality over five lessons.

In 4th grade and higher, student use the The Latin for Children Primer series. Latin for Children is an engaging, incremental, & creative line of textbooks filled with clear grammatical explanations, illustrations, exercises, tests, and a sizable and useful reference section. Each text comes with a plethora of mnemonic aids (songs, chants) that enable students to learn vocabulary (over 240 of the most frequently occurring words) and grammar with ease and delight. The texts are graphically engaging, featuring a crisp, classical look professionally designed.

Literature - Literature is incorporated in K-1st with various books chosen by the teacher and using the Five In A Row . 2nd grade and above enjoy classical literature books which are taught as literature studies using Progeny Press and other literature guides. Some of these will be related to the history time period your child is studying that year.

Grammar/Writing- Shurley Grammar is a curriculum that teaches the mechanics of grammar from very early on. Writing skills are also learned through a systematic approach. Shurley’s writing is supplemented in the upper grades with The Institute for Excellence in Writing in order to teach excellent writing skills.

Spelling– Spelling Workout is a curriculum which uses word families to teach spelling and also gives important practice on other language skills such as dictionary skills, editing, etc.

Vocabulary –Shurley Grammar teaches vocabulary in the lower grades. Sadlier-Oxford will increase their vocabulary study in grades 6 and up.

Science – Apologia Science provides fun and challenging K-High School creation-based science curriculum. Written by a former university professor and homeschool parent, their courses provide college-preparatory science in a way that is both clear and challenging. The texts are readable, easy to understand, and full of engaging experiments that can be performed at home or school.

History –The Story of the World series is used in K-5th grades, and teaches history in a storybook format, chronologically, beginning with Ancients and ending with Modern Times. This curriculum contains fascinating facts that make history come alive, studying Biblical history simultaneously with world history and allowing students to have a framework on which to hang all those Bible stories they learned when they were young. Middle School follows the same time period, but uses the Beautiful Feet series to help history come alive!

Handwriting– A Reason For® Handwriting provides a fun, meaningful approach to developing effective handwriting skills. Each lesson is built around a Scripture verse chosen not only for proper letter combinations, but also inspirational content. “Border Sheets” encourage students to share God's Word with others. Used in K-5th grade.