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2023-2024 Curriculum Guide Kindergarten – 6th Grade

Kindergarten

Literacy

Literacy is structured with Science of Reading practices. Strong emphasis is placed on phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Resources: Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program; Science of Reading by Natalie Lynn Kindergarten; Rooted in Reading

Handwriting

The curriculum involves simple, multi-sensory lessons designed to support all learning styles. The program's unique materials and appealing workbooks are designed to eliminate problems with letter formation, reversals, legibility, and sentence spacing.

Resources: Writing with Phonics K5, Abeka

Math

BJU Press's elementary math equips students to master foundational math skills through hands-on manipulatives and sequential teaching that lead students from a concrete to an abstract understanding of mathematics. This process results in deep understanding and long-term retention of mathematical reasoning. Strategic practice and review build computational fluency and prepare students for authentic learning as they connect math concepts to everyday life. Lessons on number, sense, addition and subtraction, time, money, and other skills are introduced.

Resources: Math K5 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Bible

Weekly Chapel, Old and New Testament Bible Stories, Psalm 139 memorization

Resources: Bible K5: Exploring God's World, 1st Edition, BJU Press

Science

Students learn about many different science units including Properties of Matter, 5 Senses, Weather, Force and Motion, Energy, Earth Materials (rocks, water, etc.), and Living Organisms.

Resources: Teacher created units

Social Studies

Students complete many different social studies units including Holidays, Famous Americans, Community Helpers, Families, Fire Safety, Pilgrims and Native Americans, Texas and American Symbols.

Resources: Teacher created units

Kindergarten Homework

Homework consists of practicing sight words and daily reading practice at home, as well as math facts in the second semester.

1st Grade

Literacy

Literacy is structured with Science of Reading practices. Strong emphasis is placed on phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. These strategies become tools for the students to advance their reading and writing skills.

Resources: Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program;
Science of Reading by Natalie Lynn; Rooted in Reading

Handwriting

The curriculum involves simple, multi-sensory lessons designed to support all learning styles. The program's unique materials and appealing workbooks help students master letter formation, size and spacing. It begins with single letters and progresses to phonics blends of more than one letter, special sounds, and sentences for students to trace and copy.

Resources: Writing with Phonics 1, Abeka

Phonics/Spelling

Spelling lists are given every week for different word families. Each word family builds upon another to set a strong foundation for both phonics and spelling skills. 1st Grade students are also expected to read and spell their sight words every week.

Resources: Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program; Rooted in Reading

Math

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other concepts are introduced as part of problem-solving skills. We also use math centers to create a fun learning environment and ensure that each student has the opportunity for one-on-one connection with the teacher.

Resources: Math 1 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Bible

Weekly Chapel, Old and New Testament Bible Stories, Psalm 91 and 1 Corinthians 13 memorization

Resources: Bible 1: Truths for Life (1st Ed.), BJU Press

Science

Students learn about many different science units from a Christian Worldview perspective. Units include Life Science, Forms of Energy, Weather, Earth and Space Science, and The Human Body. Students also participate in STEM class once/week where they are challenged to think outside of the box and participate in fun experiments.

Resources: Teacher Created Units; Science 1 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Social Studies

Students complete many different social studies units including Holidays, Famous Americans, Citizenship, Pilgrims and Native Americans, Texas and American Symbols, Introduction to Maps and Globes, Goods and Services, Government, and Inventors & Inventions.

Resources: Teacher created units; Heritage Studies 1 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

1st Grade Homework

Homework consists of practicing sight words and/or weekly word lists, as well as daily reading practice at home. Extra math practice may be sent home as needed.

2nd Grade

Literacy

Literacy is structured to meet and/or exceed every standard lined out by the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards. Literacy is also emphasized in a cross curricular format, with reading and writing incorporated into as many subjects as possible throughout the school day.

Reading:

- Individualized reading instruction within small groups and individualized reading instruction.
- Exposure to a variety of genres.
- Phonemic awareness, fluency, and comprehension are emphasized daily.

Writing:

- Students process writing while covering the six traits to quality

- writing.
- Writers experience the stages of writing by brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing and publishing their pieces.
- Mentor texts are used to model what quality writing looks like.

Language/Grammar:

- Conventions of writing are taught through authentic writing experiences.
- Writers learn how to be editors of their own writing and polish their pieces.

Resources: Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program; English 2 (3rd Ed.), BJU Press

Handwriting

Cursive handwriting is introduced in 2nd Grade. Letter formation and size are emphasized.

Resources: Writing with Phonics 2, Abeka

Phonics/Spelling

Spelling lists are given every week for different word families. Each word family builds upon another to set a strong foundation for both phonics and spelling skills. 2nd Grade spelling lists correspond to their reading work each week.

Resources: Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program

Math

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Resources: Math 2 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Bible

The BJU Press elementary Bible program helps to bridge the gap between head knowledge and heart knowledge by guiding students as they study, interpret, and apply a biblical worldview. Elementary Bible builds on 147 foundational Bible truths that present the Bible as a complex yet coherent story that is relevant to all people for all time. Our sequential approach to Scripture's story and fundamental doctrines gives students a foundational understanding of God's Word from Genesis to Revelation and offers opportunities to practice comparing worldviews. When students know God's Word, their hearts can change to love and worship God and, in turn,

love others as themselves. When the Word of God changes students' minds, hearts, and actions, they can live like Christ and share the truth of the gospel with others.

Resources: NIV Adventure Bible; Bible 2: Truths for Life (1st Ed.), BJU Press

Science

BJU Press's elementary science product line equips students to apply science to life by building foundational knowledge and skills with pre-assessments, scaffolded instruction, spiral review, and hands-on activities. Explorations in scientific inquiry give students opportunities to observe, classify, measure data, analyze data, make inferences, and communicate their findings. When they interact with and use models, students are better able to explain and describe their observations as well as make predictions about scientific principles they've learned. Collaborative STEM activities give students opportunities to design, test, and refine engineered solutions to real-world problems. Students also participate in STEM class once/week where they are challenged to think outside of the box and participate in fun experiments. Science 2 focuses on what scientists do, living things, plants, habitats, fossils and dinosaurs, the layers and features of the earth, how the earth moves, natural resources, forces and motion, and how the body works. The student develops his process or inquiry skills as he participates in hands-on activities and projects.

Resources: Science 2 (5th Ed.), BJU Press; Teacher Created Units

Social Studies

BJU Press's elementary heritage studies product line guides students in analyzing and evaluating historical events, world cultures, and primary sources from a biblical worldview. Engaging lessons and activities develop and strengthen 21st century skills through a variety of features, including graphic organizers, reinforcement pages, biographies, map skills, and study guides. Students relate social studies to other academic disciplines through cross-curricular links, background information, and interactive visuals in ways that help them learn how to make wise decisions about their world. 2nd Grade focuses on Community and Government concepts.

Resources: Heritage Studies 2 (4th Ed.), BJU Press; Teacher created units

2nd Grade Homework

Homework consists of weekly word lists, math practice, and/or daily reading at home.

3rd Grade

Literacy

Literacy is structured to meet and/or exceed every standard lined out by the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards. Literacy is also emphasized in a cross curricular format, with reading and writing incorporated into as many subjects as possible throughout the school day. Reading:

- Class novel studies encourage students to appreciate chapter books and increase comprehension and analyzing skills.
- Exposure to a variety of genres.
- Fluency and comprehension are emphasized daily.

Writing:

- Students will learn to use the five-step writing process to guide them in writing poetry, narrative, opinion, and informational text.
- Students experience the stages of writing by brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing and publishing their pieces.
- Mentor texts are used to model what quality writing looks like.

Language/Grammar:

- Conventions of writing are taught through scaffolded lessons.
- Writers learn how to be editors of their own writing and polish their pieces.

Resources: English 3 (3rd Ed.), BJU Press; various novel studies

Handwriting

Cursive handwriting is continued in 3rd Grade. Letter formation and size are emphasized, as well as proper sentence structure in both manuscript and cursive.

Resources: Writing with Purpose 3, Abeka

Spelling

Spelling 3 teaches students to apply more generalizations to word families and give extensive practice in adding suffixes. Expanded dictionary skills, guided journal entries, and Bible word studies are all key components of the 3rd grade spelling educational materials. Each lesson provides enjoyable activities to help students remember the spelling words they learned.

Resources: Spelling 3, BJU Press

Math

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Resources: Math 3 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Bible

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foundational Bible truths that present the Bible as a complex yet coherent story that is relevant to all people for all time. Our sequential approach to Scripture's story and fundamental doctrines gives students a foundational understanding of God's Word from Genesis to Revelation and offers opportunities to practice comparing worldviews. When students know God's Word, their hearts can change to love and worship God and, in turn, love others as themselves. When the Word of God changes students' minds, hearts, and actions, they can live like Christ and share the truth of the gospel with others.

Resources: NIV Adventure Bible; Bible 3: Truths for Life (1st Ed.), BJU Press

Science

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Resources: Science 3, BJU Press; Teacher Created Units

Social Studies

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Resources: Heritage Studies 3: World Regions (4th Ed.), BJU Press

3rd Grade Homework

Homework consists of weekly word lists, math practice, and/or daily reading at home.

4th Grade

Literacy

Literacy is structured to meet and/or exceed every standard lined out by the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards. Literacy is also emphasized in a cross curricular format, with reading and writing incorporated into as many subjects as possible throughout the school day.

Reading:

- Class novel studies encourage students to appreciate chapter books and increase comprehension and analyzing skills.
- Exposure to a variety of genres.
- Fluency and comprehension are emphasized daily.

Writing:

- Students will learn to use the five-step writing process to guide them in writing poetry, narrative, opinion, and informational text.
- Students experience the stages of writing by brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing and publishing their pieces.
- Mentor texts are used to model what quality writing looks like.

Language/Grammar:

- Conventions of writing are taught through scaffolded lessons.
- Writers learn how to be editors of their own writing and polish their pieces.

Resources: English 4: Writing and Grammar (3rd Ed.), BJU Press; various novel studies

Spelling

Spelling 4 introduces new words to master for the 4th-grade level. Word histories and etymologies are presented to build understanding and interest in the English language. Journal entry ideas provide students with weekly writing practice and the opportunity to apply good spelling to their writing. A dictionary skills section is also included to familiarize students with using a dictionary.

Resources: Spelling 4 (2nd Ed.), BJU Press

Math

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Resources: Math 4 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Bible

Bible 4: The Pathway of Promise develops a biblical worldview in students by showing them how the Old Testament books fit together to tell a single, connected story. As they follow that story, they will see the theme of redemption, which unfolds throughout the Old Testament and continues into the New Testament. Since the Bible is the only inspired and authoritative message from God, the course materials will help students to develop skills in observing, interpreting, defending, and applying Scripture.

Resources: NIV Bible; Bible 4: The Pathway of Promise (1st Ed.), BJU Press

Science

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Resources: Science 4 (5th Ed.), BJU Press

Social Studies

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Resources: Heritage Studies 4 (3rd Ed.), BJU Press; Texas History, Scott Foresman

4th Grade Homework

Homework consists of weekly word lists, math practice, and/or daily reading at home. Studying for quizzes and tests begins in 4th Grade as well.

5th Grade

Literacy

Literacy is structured to meet and/or exceed every standard lined out by the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards. Literacy is also emphasized in a cross curricular format, with reading and writing incorporated into as many subjects as possible throughout the school day. English 5: Writing & Grammar helps students to expand their knowledge and skills through regular exercises, activities, and writing projects that require them to practice and apply grammar and writing skills in a variety of situations. This course invites students to collaborate, present what they learn, and review each other's work so students can become better communicators.

Reading:

- Class novel studies encourage students to appreciate chapter books and increase comprehension and analyzing skills.
- Exposure to a variety of genres.
- Fluency and comprehension are emphasized daily.

Writing:

- Students will learn to use the five-step writing process to guide them in writing poetry, narrative, opinion, and informational text.
- Students experience the stages of writing by brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing and publishing their pieces.
- Mentor texts are used to model what quality writing looks like.

Language/Grammar:

- Conventions of writing are taught through scaffolded lessons.
- Writers learn how to be editors of their own writing and polish their pieces.

Resources: English 5: Writing and Grammar (3rd Ed.), BJU Press; various novel studies

Math

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Resources: Math 5 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Bible

Bible 5: The Fullness of Time develops students' understanding of the New Testament as the culmination of God's big story of Creation, Fall, and Redemption. Additionally, it teaches students the essentials of Bible study and interpretation through teacher modeling with questions and answers. As they develop an understanding of the main themes that run throughout God's redemption plan—glory, kingdom, covenants, divine presence, law and wisdom, and atonement and priesthood—they are confronted with their need for Christ.

Resources: NIV Bible; Bible 5: The Fullness of Time (1st Ed.), BJU Press

Science

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Resources: Science 5 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Social Studies

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Resources: Heritage Studies 5 (3rd Ed.), BJU Press

5th Grade Homework

Homework consists of daily reading at home, and studying for quizzes and tests.

6th Grade

Literacy

6th Grade literacy provides students with a real-world focus for exercising language skills as they systematically review and practice grammar and mechanics and directly apply English conventions to writing. Students will be given practice in using the writing process to draft text in various genres. Students synthesize grammar, usage, research, writing, digital, speaking, and listening skills to become effective oral and written communicators.

Literature:

- Class novel studies encourage students to appreciate chapter books and increase comprehension and analyzing skills.
- Exposure to a variety of genres.
- As students practice reading, analyzing, and evaluating literary works, students will learn to apply principles to their own communication; this will enable them to respond to the literature they read from a biblical worldview.

Writing and Grammar:

- Traditional grammar skills will be emphasized.
- Students will practice essential reference and research skills.
- Students will be given a step-by-step introduction to the writing process for eight different types of writing assignments, such as personal narratives, newspaper editorials, historical fiction, and limericks.

Resources: English 6: Writing and Grammar (2nd Ed.), BJU Press; Perspectives in Literature (3rd Ed.), BJU Press; various novel studies

Math

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Resources: Math 6 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Bible

Bible 6: Basics for a Biblical Worldview cuts through all the noise to present students with the truth of a biblical worldview, helping them distinguish it

from the false worldviews of the day. Using the teaching of the Scriptures, it challenges students to examine how they think about the world and then leads them to see the world as it truly is.

Resources: NIV Bible; Bible 6: Basics for a Biblical Worldview (1st Ed.), BJU Press

Science

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Resources: Science 6 (4th Ed.), BJU Press

Social Studies

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Resources: Heritage Studies 6 (3rd Ed.), BJU Press

6th Grade Homework

Homework consists of daily reading at home, and studying for quizzes and tests.