

LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
1ST - 4TH GRADE



2019-2020
**CURRICULUM
OVERVIEW**

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LOWER SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

FIRST GRADE

LITERACY

Focus: The students learn reading strategies within each category listed below:

Comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary.

These strategies become tools for the students to advance their reading and writing skills.

Resource: *Daily 5, Steinhouse Publishers. Launching Writers Workshop, Tapping with Tiles*

MATH

Focus: Instructional Strategies, Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners, Conceptual Understanding and Connections, Problem Solving, and Reasoning.

Resource: *HSP Math (Harcourt School Publishers) in alignment with State and NCTM Standards*

SCIENCE

Focus: God's design of His Creation by studying Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth and Space Science.

Resource: *Purposeful Design Science Objective- Honor the Creator, Abeka*

BIBLE

Focus: Creation, Noah, Abraham/Isaac, The First Christmas, Jacob, Joseph, Crucifixion & Resurrection.

Bible memory is part of our daily schedule.

First Grade, Curriculum Enhancing Events:

Grandparents Day	Field Day
Homecoming	Awards Chapel
Talent Show	Art Night
Lego Land Field trip	Dr. Seuss breakfast
Pet Show	Iowa Testing
Laps of Love	Safety Town Field Trip
Daddy Daughter Dance	Ma Spa

SECOND GRADE

LITERACY

Focus: 21st century global standards for teaching reading skills and strategies grounded in progressions for narrative and informational reading.

Reading Workshop:

- Individualized reading instruction within small groups and individualized reading opportunities
- Exposure to a variety of genres
- Leveled text pairing to meet individual needs with prescriptive instruction during guided reading groups

Writer's Workshop:

- 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

Spelling: *Purposeful Design*

Resources: *Daily Five, Steinhouse; Handwriting Without Tears, 6 Trait Writing; Lucy Caulkins, Write Source.*

MATH

Focus: Problem solving and real life situations. Hands on, kinesthetic learning activities aid in fact fluency and math operations are introduced and practiced.

Resource: *Harcourt Math*

SCIENCE

Focus: Science is based on God's Creation and covers topics such as Animal Kingdom, God's Design for Plants, Weather, Energy and Senses.

Resources: *Purposeful Design, ACSI; Abeka; Time for Kids*

HISTORY

Focus: American patriotism and the foundation of our country.

Resource: Teacher created units; *Time Magazine for Kids*

BIBLE

Focus: His Holy Word is our foundation as we study different stories of the Bible beginning with Abraham and walk the Life of Jesus.

Resource: *Purposeful Design, The Holy Bible.*

Second Grade Curriculum Enhancing Events:

Grandparents Day
Homecoming
Talent Show
Aquarium field trip

Daddy Daughter Dance
Field Day
Awards Chapel
Laps of Love

Art Night
Poetry Cafe
Biography Book Report
Dallas Arboretum Event

THIRD GRADE

LITERACY

Focus: Comprehension: Students learn strategies to increase reading comprehension through the study of Classical Novel formats

Classical Novels

[A Lion to Guard Us](#)
[The Castle in the Attic](#)
[Knights of the Round Table](#)
[Charlotte's Web](#)
[Sarah Plain & Tall](#)

Penmanship

- Reinforce correctly formed manuscript and cursive penmanship

Resources: *6 Traits Writing, Smekens Educational Solutions, Inc., Language 3-Bob Jones, Seven Keys to Comprehension, Developing Readers Grade 3, Purposeful Design Spelling 3, Cursive Handwriting Without Tears -3*

MATH

Focus: Computation/ foundational enrichment; hands-on math manipulatives.

Resource: *Harcourt School Publisher- Math 3*

SCIENCE

Focus: Physical Science and the Human Body; weekly curriculum based “hands on” science labs

Resources: *Science 3 Purposeful Design, ACSI Int.*

HISTORY

Focus: Colonial America; The History of Western Civilization from the 500's to 1600's (Renaissance & Protestant Reformation)

Resource: *Our American Heritage, grade 3 –Abeka.*

BIBLE

Focus: Learning from a Biblical WorldView

- Character development
- Apologetics
- Bible History

Resource: *Abeka Bible*

Third Grade Curriculum Enhancing Events:

Laps of Love	Daddy Daughter Dance	Talent Show
Thankful Day	High Touch High Tech in-house field trips	Perot Museum
Spring Concert	Heritage Village field trip	Art Night
Living Museum Experience		

FOURTH GRADE

LITERACY

Focus: Novel stories, character analysis, conflict resolution, themes, writing essays, informative pieces, comparing and contrasting.

Resource: *Where the Red Fern Grows Readers Workshop, ABeka, Purposeful Design Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing, Wordly Wise Comprehension Toolkit with a Reader's Workshop approach, Patterns of Power*

MATH

Focus: Using foundational mathematical concepts to approach Pre-Algebra and Geometry equations coupled with problem solving strategies

- pre-Algebra
- mastering long division
- graphing
- problem solving
- probability, measurement, fractions, and geometry

Resource: *Math Grade 4*, Harcourt School Publishers

SCIENCE

Focus: Examining principles of Life Science, Physics, Earth Science, and Human Anatomy.

Resource: *Purposeful Design, ASCI, Int.*

HISTORY

Focus: Texas History-studying state and local government; exploring San Antonio and Austin.

Resource: *Texas History*, Scott Foresman

BIBLE

Focus: Studying the Trinity, Attributes of God, Salvation, Christian life, Evangelism, Stewardship, Eternity, and Christ's return

Fourth Grade Curriculum Enhancing Events

Talent Show	Art Night
Faux Geocaching Field trip	Christmas Handbells
Ft. Worth Stockyard Field Trip	Laps of Love
San Antonio/Austin Field trip	Honor choir/Recorder concert

GRADES 1st -4th ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Art	Library	Spanish
Chapel	Music	Physical Education