

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CURRICULUM GUIDE
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Our curriculum is teacher directed rather than textbook/workbook directed. Our teachers are committed Christians and well-trained, professional educators. They are entrusted with the curriculum and are responsible to teach and present material from a Christ-centered perspective, even when using secular materials. We use whatever materials best fit our curriculum and are of the highest quality and research base. This currently leads us to incorporate a blend of Christian and secular materials, though Christian materials are given preference whenever possible.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Bible

Purposeful Design (ACSI) – This curriculum will focus on foundational teachings from the Bible about the character of God, the qualities of his people and his church. Overview of the Bible, with emphasis on God's attributes, Biblical characters, the early church and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for him.

Kindergarten Phonics

Letters and Sounds K, A Beka Books – Students will learn beginning skills in phonics, reading readiness, listening and thinking.

Kindergarten Reading/Writing

Rigby Literacy, Kindergarten – Students will use shared reading books, guided reading books, word works and wonder writers.

Kindergarten Science

Battle Creek Math and Science Center – Objects are described by using our senses: sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell. Objects can be classified by physical properties/attributes. Good observations may include the use of more than one of our senses. Observations help us learn about the world around us.

Kindergarten Math

Bob Jones University Math K5 – Students will learn through an interactive approach with manipulatives to build a foundation of math concepts. Lessons on number, sense, addition and subtraction, time, money, and other skills are introduced.

Kindergarten Social Studies

Studies Weekly – The students will have a better understanding of the leaders in our community and our country, surroundings, jobs, responsibility, and citizenship. Christian principals are easily incorporated by the teacher.

FIRST GRADE

1st Grade Bible

Purposeful Design (ACSI) – In first grade, students learning will revolve around the topic “God and My World”. During the year, Bible stories which illustrate God’s gifts of our world, families, friends, leaders, salvation, the church, and a way to live will be emphasized.

1st Grade Phonics

Letters and Sounds 1, A Beka Books – Students will learn basic consonant and vowel sounds, to blend consonants with the vowel sounds, to read 1 and 2 vowel words, and blending letters for special sounds.

1st Grade Spelling

Purposeful Design Spelling Grade 1 -- Students will study phonetically-consistent patter words and high frequency words.

1st Grade Reading

A Beka Reading Series Level 1, Reading A-Z leveled books – Students will learn to read with understanding, confidence, and enjoyment so that they will be able to learn to read God’s Word and multiple genres of text.

1st Grade Language

A Beka Language Series, Level 1, A Beka Publishing Co. -- First grade language integrates grammar, creative writing, and reading comprehension.

1st Grade Penmanship

Writing with Phonics 1 Manuscript, A Beka Publishing Co. – Writing with Phonics provides daily manuscript practice and reviews what the student is learning in phonics. Students begin by practicing forming individual letters and then gradually move towards writing blends, special sounds and word.

1st Grade Science

Battle Creek Math and Science Center – Students will learn by using the scientific method, through observation and hands on activities. First grade science encompasses aspects of life science, physical science and earth science wall while learning about God’s wisdom and power.

1st Grade Math

Bob Jones Univeristy Math 1 – Student will learn by usings manipulatives and real-life experiences to understand place value, addition, subtraction, geometry, time, money, measurement, and fractions—all with engaging themes and characters. Writing equations, reading graphs, and other concepts are introduced as part of problem-solving skills.

1st Grade Social Studies

Studies Weekly – This program introduces and expands on the five themes of Social Studies (History, Geography, Economics, Government and Human Interaction). Its focus is on daily life in communities as well as the history of our nation. Christian principals are easily incorporated by the teacher.

SECOND GRADE

2nd Grade Bible

Purposeful Design (ACSI) – The format used in this curriculum introduces different Bible characters in two and three week units. Students study a different life scenario each week, focusing on character traits demonstrated by these individuals from the Bible. Sixty-six character traits are studied throughout the year and their development is encouraged in the student's daily lives.

2nd Grade Spelling

Spelling Grade 2, PJU Press -- Spelling is crucial to the development of literacy skills. Second grade spelling focuses on spelling strategies such as word sorting by phonetic pattern, developing vocabulary through word study, and practicing dictionary skills.

2nd Grade Reading

Reading A-Z leveled books – This reading program uses leveled books and activities to encourage student read books that are just right for them. The books have worksheets and comprehension quizzes that accompany them and reinforce a variety of literary skills including sequencing, story elements, and phonetic studies.

2nd Grade English

English 2: Writing and Grammar, BJU Press. -- English 2 teaches foundational grammar and writing techniques and styles from a Biblical perspective with the following goals:

- Students gain an appreciation of language and understand it as a gift from God
- Students learn to use grammar correctly in written and oral forms
- Students will use the Writing Process and write different styles of compositions
- Students will develop study and reference skills as well as listening and speaking skills

2nd Grade Science

Battle Creek Math and Science Center – Students will learn by using the scientific method, through observation and hands on activities. Second grade science encompasses aspects of life science, physical science and earth science while learning about God's wisdom and power.

2nd Grade Math

Bob Jones University Math 2 – Student will understand place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Manipulatives are used to help students visualize the math concepts they learn. Basic word problems are introduced to exercise students' problem solving skills.

2nd Grade Social Studies

Studies Weekly – This program introduces and expands on the five themes of Social Studies (History, Geography, Economics, Government and Human Interaction). Its focus is on daily life in communities as well as the history of our nation. Christian principals are easily incorporated by the teacher.

THIRD GRADE

3rd Grade Bible

Purposeful Design (ACSI) -- Third graders study the life of Christ, the Book of Acts, and missions. As students are personally guided through the Gospels, they learn and apply principles from the messages, parables, miracles and life events of Jesus. Moving into Acts, students see the building of God's Church as the Gospel spreads through the missionary journeys of Paul and through famous missionaries in history.

3rd Grade Spelling

Spelling Grade 3, BJU Press -- Spelling is a critical literacy skill that strengthens reading and writing ability. Spelling contributes to the accuracy with which a writer can convey his message. Therefore, this class provides interesting and varied word study activities for both phonetically-consistent patten words as well as high-frequency words.

3rd Grade Reading

Reading A-Z leveled books – This reading program offers leveled readers in various genres. Students work on comprehension skills and making connections as they read. Students are assessed on the worksheets, questions, and comprehension quizzes for each book. Students read individually in pairs, in reading groups, and as a whole class.

3rd Grade English

English 3, BJU Press. -- Learning appropriate language skills fosters an appreciation of language as a gift from God. Studying grammar develops correct use in written and oral communication. Practicing various written forms of communication encourages clear and effective writing. Listening to proper English usage improves listening and speaking skills. Using study and reference materials enhances the learning process.

3rd Grade Science

Battle Creek Math and Science Center – These science units are designed to provide standards based, inquiry focused science. They are complete with materials to accompany the activities.

3rd Grade Math

Bob Jones University Math 3 – Students will practice and review basic math and begin learning the fundamental principles of fractions and geometry. Students will begin developing problem solving skills through word problems. A Chapter Review and a Cumulative Review are included in each chapter to reinforce the covered math concepts.

3rd Grade Social Studies

Studies Weekly – This program introduces and expands on the five themes of Social Studies (History, Geography, Economics, Government and Human Interaction). Its focus is on daily life in communities as well as the history of our nation. Christian principals are easily incorporated by the teacher.

FOURTH GRADE

4th Grade Bible

Purposeful Design (ACSI) – This course is designed to learn tools for Bible study and tackle traditional doctrinal subjects prepared for fourth grade level.

4th Grade Spelling

Spelling Grade 4, BJU Press -- This course is designed to develop strong spellers as a critical literacy skill that will strengthen reading and writing abilities.

4th Grade Reading

Reading A-Z leveled books – This course is designed to help student continue to develop their reading skills. Word recognition, word study, fluency, fiction, non-fiction, comprehension, metacognition, critical standards and reading attitude are stressed.

4th Grade English

English for Christian Schools, BJU Press. -- Language is taught as a gift from God. The correct use of English grammar in written and oral communication is developed. The writing process is taught using different types of compositions. Clear and effective writing, study, and reference skills and listening and speaking skills are developed.

4th Grade Science

Battle Creek Math and Science Center – Students will learn by using the scientific method, through observation and hands on activities. Fourth grade science includes Organisms in Their Environment, View from the Earth, Energy Transfer, and States of Matter.

4th Grade Math

Bob Jones University Math 4 – Students will be provided an interactive approach to build each student's understanding of multiplication, division, decimals, fractions, geometry, and pre-algebra. The curriculum will be enhanced by real-life math applications, problem solving, and estimation.

4th Grade Social Studies

Studies Weekly – This program introduces and expands on the five themes of Social Studies (History, Geography, Economics, Government and Human Interaction). Its focus is on daily life in communities as well as the history of our nation. Christian principals are easily incorporated by the teacher.

OTHER COURSES AND OFFERINGS

Art

Teacher created – Projects include cutting drawing, pasting basic shapes to develop fine motor skills. As the students progress the art becomes more complex and creative.

Physical Education

Teacher created – Exercise and aerobic calisthenics, sports techniques, skill development, group games, coordination, strength and flexibility improvement.

Spanish

Teacher created – Covers basic Spanish skills from numbers, letters and words to short sentences.

Computer

Teacher created – Covers keyboarding and basic entry level usage of computers.

Music

Teacher created – Covers vocal and instrumental recognition and various music styles.

Art, Music, Spanish, Computer, and Physical Education are provided by CCS Elementary and Secondary teachers and/or volunteers.