

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CURRICULUM GUIDE  
2020-2021**



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# 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

## **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Spelling**

*Purposeful Design Spelling Grade 1* -- Students will study phonetically-consistent pattern 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.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Language**

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

## **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **1<sup>st</sup> 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 all while learning about God’s wisdom and power.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Math**

*Bob Jones University Math 1* – Student will learn by using 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.

## **1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reading**

*Ready GEN, Pearson* – This literacy program enhances learning for all students by presenting modeled reading experiences with authentic text in various genres. Students engage in practice, build motivation, and improve their reading stamina. There is an emphasis on teaching vocabulary as words are taught in clusters, with a focus on words that are critical to understanding the text. Foundational phonics skills are taught in an integrated approach allowing students to build understanding through text and instruction. Students read individually, in pairs, in reading groups, and as a whole class.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Writing**

*Ready GEN, Pearson* – As part of the literacy program, the writing lessons connect to the texts we read together. The texts are used as a model for teaching the writing modes and process. Students write with guidance from the teacher and are taught to analyze, synthesize, write to sources, or defend claims. Students have opportunities to practice the writing process through independent writing. Throughout the year students will write informative, narrative, and opinion pieces.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading**

*Ready GEN, Pearson* – This literacy program enhances learning for all students by presenting modeled reading experiences with authentic text in various genres. Students engage in practice, build motivation, and improve their reading stamina. There is an emphasis on teaching vocabulary as words are taught in clusters, with a focus on words that are critical to understanding the text. Foundational phonics skills are taught in an integrated approach allowing students to build understanding through text and instruction. Students read individually, in pairs, in reading groups, and as a whole class.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Writing**

*Ready GEN, Pearson* – As part of the literacy program, the writing lessons connect to the texts we read together. The texts are used as a model for teaching the writing modes and process. Students write with guidance from the teacher and are taught to analyze, synthesize, write to sources, or defend claims. Students have opportunities to practice the writing process through independent writing. Throughout the year students will write informative, narrative, and opinion pieces.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Science**

*Battle Creek Math and Science Center* – Students complete three science units throughout the year that are designed to provide standards based, inquiry focused science. They are complete with materials to accompany the activities. Third grade science units include: Life Cycles and Survival in an Ecosystem, Forces and Interactions, and Weather, Climate, and Natural Hazards.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 also build an understanding of multiplication and division. 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.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 state. Christian principles are easily incorporated by the teacher.

# FOURTH GRADE

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading**

*Ready GEN, Pearson* – This literacy program enhances learning for all students by presenting modeled reading experiences with authentic text in various genres. Students engage in practice, build motivation, and improve their reading stamina. There is an emphasis on teaching vocabulary as words are taught in clusters, with a focus on words that are critical to understanding the text. Foundational phonics skills are taught in an integrated approach allowing students to build understanding through text and instruction. Students read individually, in pairs, in reading groups, and as a whole class.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade English**

*Ready GEN, Pearson* – As part of the literacy program, the writing lessons connect to the texts we read together. The texts are used as a model for teaching the writing modes and process. Students write with guidance from the teacher and are taught to analyze, synthesize, write to sources, or defend claims. Students have opportunities to practice the writing process through independent writing. Throughout the year students will write informative, narrative, and opinion pieces.

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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 three units: Energy + Waves, Processes that Shape the Earth, and Structure: Function and Survival

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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. We also incorporate learning about artists and working in their style

## **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; as well as the cultures of various Spanish-speaking countries.

## **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.