



JK-6th Curriculum

	Study Tools	Junior Kindergarten–1st	2nd–3rd	4th–6th
Reading & Literature	<i>Neuhaus Reading Program</i> <i>Classic literature selections by grade</i>	The Neuhaus literacy program is a proven phonetic, multi-sensory, and explicit approach, building a strong foundation for both natural and struggling readers. Through exposure to classic stories with heroes and villains, students learn to distinguish right and wrong and begin to develop both a love for reading and a true moral imagination.	By reading classics like <i>Charlotte’s Web</i> , <i>Cricket in Times Square</i> , and the Little House series, students learn to appreciate the experiences and challenges faced by those people who have come before them. Students imagine themselves in the same difficulties and begin to evaluate how they would make the same types of decisions.	The literature of 4th-6th grade complements the study of history. Fourth graders read about Vikings, medieval knights, and King Arthur. Fifth graders enjoy <i>Johnny Tremain</i> , <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> , and <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> . Sixth graders explore <i>The Call of the Wild</i> , <i>Tom Sawyer</i> , and <i>The Hiding Place</i> .
Math	<i>Math in Focus</i>	WA approaches math as a progression of understanding from concrete to pictorial to abstract. JK-1st focus on concrete understanding through the use of manipulatives to build number sense. Beginning in K, we use the Singapore math curriculum, <i>Math in Focus</i> .	Students begin to move from a concrete understanding of numbers to a pictorial one, using bar models to solve multi-step word problems. Students learn to retell math problems as stories, choose from an array of methods to think about the problem, and articulate how to solve them.	By the end of Grammar School, students have dealt with algebra and geometry as both equations and word-problems. The focus is on understanding and application, rather than rote use of formulas.
Grammar & Writing	<i>Handwriting without Tears</i> , <i>First Language Lessons</i> <i>Rod & Staff</i> / Warriner’s <i>Grammar Teaching Writing: Structure and Style (IEW)</i> <i>Writing & Rhetoric</i>	In JK-K, students learn correct letter formation and pencil grip. In 1st grade, they begin spelling and learn the elements of writing a complete sentence. They begin with copy work and move into composing their own original sentences.	Students learn cursive, and use copy work and dictation to learn correct writing mechanics and spelling. Using pre-rhetoric exercises and imitation writing, students retell fables and narratives. They also begin to craft explanatory paragraphs and informative essays.	Students develop analytical and discussion skills across disciplines and begin to write short essays exploring historical figures, scientific discoveries, and character development. They expound on proverbs and begin persuasive writing. Students learn what makes for effective, beautiful, and interesting sentences in writing.
History & Bible	<i>Veritas History & Bible Cards</i> <i>Westminster Shorter Catechism</i> <i>The Children’s Story</i> , <i>The Jesus Storybook</i> , and <i>ESV Bible</i> <i>The Landmark History of the American People</i>	Because we view all of history as God’s story, students study the actions of historical figures and events in light of the providence of God. Throughout the Grammar School, students study the chronological progression of western civilization from creation through modern day, a cycle that is repeated more in-depth in Upper School. JK-1st begin with Bible stories from both the Old and New Testament.	In 2nd grade, the study of the Old Testament with ancient Egypt introduces students to the earliest civilizations and God’s providence in establishing the nation of Israel and leading them to the Promised Land. Moving on to the classical cultures of Greece and Rome in 3rd grade, students discover how God prepared the world for the coming of the Savior.	Fourth grade studies the fall of Rome through the Renaissance and Reformation, tracing the development of Christianity through a millennium. Fifth grade follows the discovery of the new world through the foundations of our nation. Sixth grade takes students from the Civil War through 19th-20th century. Bible focuses on the life of Christ and the spread of the early church.
Music		Grammar School music is dedicated to training students’ ears and hearts to appreciate, to understand, and to love the things that are worth loving. Students learn the elements of music theory, music appreciation, and the history of music, eventually studying all of the major periods of music, the instruments of the orchestra and band,and the notes in both treble and bass clefs.		
Art		WA recognizes that God designed His world to be full of beauty. By training the eye and hand to observe and reproduce that beauty, we train the soul to see and appreciate God’s beauty throughout creation.		
PE		Our PE curriculum is designed to teach students the principles of fitness and the importance of physical activity, through exercises, games, and sports while working together.		
Specialty classes begin in 2nd grade				
Science		In 2nd and 3rd grades, students study the planets, ecology, and the animal kingdom before being introduced to scientific concepts like classification, categorization, and the scientific method, throughout Grammar School.		Science becomes increasingly hands on in 4th through 6th grades, with students collaborating and experimenting with bacteria cultures, modeling atomic theory, and exploring body systems through dissections.
Latin	<i>Lingua Latina</i>	Latin instruction begins in 2nd grade learning colors, numbers, animals, family members, and body parts. The study of Latin grammar in 3rd grade introduces students to number, gender, and case.		Fourth through sixth graders gain confidence in Latin as they translate, speak, sing, memorize, and act it out. Students investigate the culture and history of the Romans through projects and presentations.



7th-12th Curriculum

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