

Junior High History, Geography, World Cultures and Missions at The Oaks School

This fall at The Oaks School, our class will embark on an adventure of discovering God's amazing world and the people who are so dear to His heart! We will learn where various countries are on the globe and then "travel" there through the study of history, literature, music, videos, cooking international cuisine, and art. Our class will conduct science projects such as building a miniature rainforest and practicing ancient Egyptian techniques to mummify a chicken! When our class learns about global water insecurity, we will experience carrying heavy water like millions of women around the world do every day. After testing the water for impurities, we will build a water purifier to make the water safe. Then we will research illnesses associated with drinking dirty water and also ministries that provide water purifiers and wells to needy communities around the world, as well as ways that we can get involved.

We will correspond with missionaries on the field and through a pen pal program with an orphanage in Africa, we will make friends with our brothers and sisters in Christ across the globe. We will learn together about God's faithfulness in equipping missionaries to share the Kingdom with the hurting and then host them as guest speakers.

Each student will conduct weekly research on a variety of topics related to our subject for the week and then report findings back to the class. In this way, everyone will be a valuable contributor to the overall learning experience. I want the students to realize that God has a plan to include THEM in the redemption of the world. We each have an important role to play and Heavenly Father Who desires to lead us to our destiny.

The class will incorporate state standards for world history and geography, while giving each student a deep appreciation for different countries and cultures and a sense of God's heart for the nations.