THE OAKS SCHOOL

Curriculum at The Oaks School

Reading/Phonics - Lower Grades

The Oaks School will use the All About Reading spelling and phonics program for grades PreK-2nd grade. All About Reading is a multi-sensory program that teaches phonics in a fun and engaging way. Students will complete activities using sight, sound, and touch to help them become fluent readers with a love for reading. All About Reading is based on the Orton - Gillinham approach, which was originally designed to help students with dyslexia, but is now known to be an effective program for all types of learners. Students will be placed in reading groups that best match their skill level, so they can develop a positive association with reading without any gaps.

Reading and English - Upper Grades

Grades 3 and above will use *Bob Jones Press Reading and English*. Reading skills will focus on fluency, reading comprehension, and analysis of the text with a variety of interesting stories and novels. The recently updated program includes colorful, engaging material, so that students look forward to reading time each day. Students in older grades are encouraged to develop and apply critical thinking skills as they analyze the literature pieces in light of a Christian worldview. The English program alternates a chapter of grammar followed by a chapter of writing, so that students learn to apply grammar skills towards the goal of becoming a strong writer.

Math - Grades PreK-6th

The goal for the math program at The Oaks School is to offer math at the same time each day for all grades, so students can be placed in the proper math group. We will encourage mastery of subject matter, so all students can move forward in their understanding of math concepts. We are using Horizons Math for grades Pre-6th grades.

Math - Upper Grades

The students in grades 7th-9th will study Chalkdust Math, which uses a video curriculum taught by Professor Dana Mosely. We will take advantage of Professor Mosely's many years of teaching experience and his ability to clarify difficult math concepts. Students will watch the video with a teacher present, work problems with their classroom teacher, and then work problems on their own. The multi-step teaching process will create multiple ways for students to absorb the material. If a student needs to review a lesson, he or she may re-watch the video lesson. Most importantly, students will be given time to complete math work during the school day, so parents aren't teaching the material at night. Students can choose to take Basic Math, PreAlgebra, Algebra I, or Geometry.

Science - Lower Grades

This year our lower grades will study *Land Animals of the Sixth Day* by Apologia. This will include a study of animals in our own backyards, a study of safaris, and the varied inhabitants of jungles, deserts, forests, farms and other ecosystems. We hope to tour some local farms and

zoos to enrich the study even more. Students will use a note-booking journal to learn to take notes of their reading as well as hands-on experiments and projects.

Science - Upper Grades (7th-9th)
The Upper Grades will complete Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Physical Science.*
As described by the author:
"From the composition of air to icebergs to astrophysics, students will receive thorough lessons in each element of the physical world. Topics include the atmosphere; hydrosphere; weather; structure of Earth; environmentalism; physics of motion; Newton's laws; gravity; and astrophysics."

History - Prek-10th Grades
Students in PreK and K will use a variety of hands on lessons to learn about cultures and continents. Students in grades 1-6 will complete the Heritage Studies series by Bob Jones Press. This program includes history, geography, and cultural studies from a Christian perspective. Students will study famous historical figures including missionaries and leaders. Students in grades 7th-8th grades will dive deeper into studies of geography and culture, while our 9-10th graders will be exploring American History and the distinctiveness of American values and government.