



## **Curriculum at The Oaks School**

### **Reading/Phonics - Lower Grades**

The Oaks School uses 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 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-Gillingham 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 uses Bob Jones Press Reading and English. Reading skills 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**

We are currently using Horizons Math for grades Pre-6th grades, but we are looking at several options for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Math - Upper Grades**

The students in grades 7th-11th study Chalkdust Math, which uses a video curriculum taught by Professor Dana Mosely. We take advantage of Professor Mosely's many years of teaching experience and his ability to clarify difficult math concepts. Students 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 creates 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 are 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**

In 2019-2020, students in grades K5-6th grade will be using Apologia Science, Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day. Apologia Science offers a rich science text with interactive experiment and lively discussions. The material illuminates the amazing wonders of God by showing the animals that filled the Earth's waters. Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day covers swimming creatures from the microscopic to the massive. Students will use a note-booking journal to learn to take notes of their reading as well as hands-

on experiments and projects. Students master the material in class and use review games before tests, so studying for tests should take minimal time at home.

### **Science - Upper Grades**

7th Grade: Apologia General Science

8th Grade: Apologia's Physical Science (1 high school credit)

9th-11th Grade: Apologia Biology

### **History - PreK-11th Grades**

Students in PreK and K 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 leaders and missionaries.

7th Grade BJU Heritage Studies - World Studies This class includes a brief review of history from Creation to the coming of Christ and progresses in a chronological journey around the world studying the ebb and flow of empires, cultures, Christianity, and world religions, concluding with an examination of the trends of the emerging 21st century.

8th Grade BJU Heritage Studies - Cultural Geography. Students will “travel” from continent to continent around the world studying the geography, cultures, land forms, climates, resources, economy, religions, and government of each country.

9th-11th Grade\* BJU Heritage Studies - US History Part Two (\*could vary based on class sizes)