

Course Descriptions: Elementary/Intermediate 2021-2022



Kindergarten Core Block

(Core Block includes all subjects in the description below. Classes cannot be enrolled in individually.)

Teacher: Brenda Britton

Kindergarten is the first impression of school some students will experience. This year is a time when they observe, discover, and make sense of the world around them. Through exploration and investigation, many concepts necessary at this level will be developed and mastered.

Bible

Great Bible stories of the Old and New Testaments will be read and discussed. Scripture memory and character traits taught in the Bible will be incorporated throughout the year.

Language Arts (Phonics, Reading, Handwriting)

The curriculum covers the entire alphabet, including recognizing/writing letters and identifying sounds. Phonics-based word recognition and reading at an early age are encouraged. In kindergarten, some children will become independent readers. Focus is given to patterns in print, such as direction, capitalization, and end punctuation. Speaking, listening, and conversational skills will be emphasized as well. Children will learn to respond to others using complete sentences and will be given daily opportunities to speak in front of a group. Listening to great literature and memorizing poetry will be included in each school day.

Math

Children will become familiar with the ten basic digits and higher numerals by counting and grouping objects. Basic money and geometric concepts are introduced as well as units of time and beginning addition. Primary math is approached through analytical reason, manipulatives, memorization, and drill.

Science

Through various hands-on experiences, children will explore their natural curiosity about basic science concepts. Topics may include but are not limited to plants, animals, seasons, weather, air, water, and kitchen science.

Social Studies

Children will explore their relationships within the family, neighborhood, and community. They will learn about holidays, celebrations, basic map skills, and the concept of time as it relates to people and events of the past, present, and future.

Student texts/supplies from Abeka:

- #201979 Abeka K5 Child Kit (Manuscript)
The kit above includes the following items, which may be ordered separately:
- #100943 My Blend and Word Book
- #101109 Basic Phonics Readers
- #99201 Letters and Sounds K5
- #138533 Miniature Alphabet Flashcards
- #182346 Writing with Phonics K5 Manuscript
- #182206 K5 Writing Tablet Manuscript
- #99384 Numbers Skills K5
- #100897 Think and Learn K5

Parent texts/supplies from Abeka (There are two ordering options):

Option 1:

#202029 Abeka K5 Essential Parent Kit (Manuscript)
The kit above includes the Homeschool K5 Curriculum (Phonics, Reading, Writing, and Numbers) plus the following additional resources, which are optional and may also be ordered separately:

#182796 K5 Manuscript Handwriting Lesson Plans

#148369 Homeschool Phonics Charts and Games

#148385 Homeschool Numbers Charts and Games

#148377 Homeschool Learning Games

#182389 Basic Phonics Flashcards

Option 2: This option provides the basics of what the parent will need for the year:

#198021 Homeschool K5 Curriculum (Manuscript) (Phonics, Reading, Writing, and Numbers)

#182389 Basic Phonics Flashcards

#138533 Miniature Alphabet Flashcards OR any other basic set of alphabet cards (Aa, Bb, etc.)

Student supplies needed: school box (7-8"), 3 #2 pencils, scissors, 3 glue sticks, 1 small bottle Elmer's glue, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, 8-count watercolor paint set, paint shirt or old T-shirt, 1 container wet wipes or disinfectant wipes.

Duration: Year long

First Grade Core Block

(Core Block includes all subjects in the description below. Classes cannot be enrolled in individually.)

Teacher: Stacy Beeler

First grade is a year of important transitions — children leave behind much of the play of kindergarten and dive into developing deeper academic skills. First graders progress from having beginner reading and writing skills to becoming independent readers and writers.

Following is a brief description of our morning together:

Bible

Students read Bible stories, memorize scripture, sing hymns, and have prayer time.

Language Arts

Students practice phonics, reading, handwriting, creative writing, spelling and language skills. They will follow the Abeka curriculum, but also play learning games, work on independent centers, and write in our journals, along with many other activities

Mathematics

Students practice number recognition, counting, writing 1-1000, addition and subtraction facts through 13, money, place value, graphs, measurements, time, and temperature. They will follow the Abeka curriculum, but also use manipulatives, hands-on activities, and games to practice our skills.

Science

Students learn by observing, exploring, and experimenting with God's amazing creations. Some of the topics they will study include: bats, butterflies, arctic animals, weather, and STEM.

Social Studies

Students learn about geography, early settlers, ancient civilizations, and the history of various holidays.

Textbooks:

Language Arts Grade 1 manuscript child kit - ##297828

Order manuscript not cursive

Homeschool Language Arts 1 Curriculum Lesson Plans #294802

Arithmetic Grade 1 Child kit - #309451

Homeschool Arithmetic 1 Curriculum Lesson Plans #294888

Optional teaching aids:

Basic Phonics flash cards

Clue Word Cards

Combination dot cards

Place value concept cards

Student supplies needed: ALL ITEMS should be labeled with your child's first name. The **BOLD** items should fit in your child's supply box. The other items will be stored separately in the classroom and pulled out when needed.

-1 plastic supply box, any color (ex: Sterilite pencil case \$.99), **1 box of 24 crayons, 12 sharpened pencils (only need to send 2 or 3 to school at a time), 1 pair of scissors, 2 large glue sticks, 1 pack of 8-count washable markers**, 2 regular (not fine tip) dry erase markers (any dark color is fine, the lighter colors do not show up very well), 1 ruler (with inches and centimeters)

Duration: Year long

Kindergarten-First Grade Electives

Teachers: Brenda Britton and Stacy Beeler

K-1 Enrichment

Enrichment is a one-of-a-kind experience where art, music, and Spanish are woven together. We will learn about many famous artists and composers along with their cultural backgrounds. A hands-on approach will introduce unique forms of art. Also, we will celebrate holidays and special days throughout the year with fun, engaging activities. Finally, we will learn basic Spanish vocabulary and beginning conversation.

Duration: Year long

K-1 Reading Roundup

This hour will be devoted to developing a love for reading. We will share quality literature and picture books along with games and activities designed to develop our reading skills. Each day will include story time, DEAR (drop everything and read) time, and a variety of reading enrichment activities.

Duration: Year long

Second Grade Core Block

(Core Block includes all subjects in the description below. Classes cannot be enrolled in individually.)

Teacher: Jaime Lambert

The second grade core includes Math, Language Arts, Bible, Handwriting, Science and Social Studies. The language arts program has a solid phonics base and we use fun literature to support the learning. The students become fluent readers this year and gain knowledge through reading comprehension. The children will gain more interest in reading through the 2nd grade reading club. Each month the students read a different book and will have a book club review at the end of each month. In math, your child will become an analytical thinker and use his/her thinking skills in more of the math problems. Their skill and speed will increase with addition and subtraction, telling time, counting money, and the fundamentals of multiplication.

Textbooks: Items needed from Abeka

243213 - Spelling/Poetry 2

243116 - Phonics and Language 2

243329 - Arithmetic 2

243353 - Arithmetic tests and speed drills

305618 - History, Science, Health 2 activity book

201103 - Handbook for Reading (optional)

Bible: Beginnings II: God's Promises ISBN# 9781889015019

Handwriting Without Tears items: 2nd Grade Student Bundle A: Printing Power+Building Writers C+Writing Journal C (Code SB2A)

Reading books: Readers for second grade will be listed at a later date. You will be able buy these or borrow from the library.

Student supplies needed: 1 box of 24 crayons, 1 box of broad tip markers (8-10ct), 24 sharpened pencils, 1 pair of scissors (labeled with name), 1 ruler (labeled with name), 1 package loose leaf notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 composition notebook (wide ruled, any color, label with name), 2 large glue sticks, 2 chisel tip highlighters (any color), 2 black dry erase markers (fine point). **Girls:** hand sanitizer, **Boys:** Clorox wipes

Duration: Year long

Second Grade Electives

Teacher: Jaime Lambert

2nd Grade Passport to the World

Send your 2nd grader on a trip around the world! We will begin by creating a 2nd grade passport and explore countries across the globe throughout the year. Your world traveler will learn world geography, create cultural crafts, sample food and treats and learn some new words from each country. The students will make a book of their adventures along the way! Their book will be filled with knowledge from afar and close by countries. We will have special guests throughout the year. Their passports will have many stamps in them by the end of the year!

Student supplies needed: 12 ct box of colored pencils, 3 ring binder (1 inch)

Duration: Year long

Second Grade Fine Arts and Enrichment

This hands-on course will help your child open up and shine to their full potential. We cover units of historical drama/reader's theater, physical fitness, and unique science labs. Whether your child is a new reader or fluent veteran, there is a role for them in this class! This reader's theater and drama course is designed to bring your child ahead by two levels in their reading. There will be performances in front of peers and parents. Your child will also be traveling back in time to portray a famous American in the 2nd grade American history play. As a fun bonus, your student will have guided breakouts of physical fitness. They will learn fun and creative ways to stay active and fit. Based off of our core block in the morning, your child will do some special science labs. They will dissect owl pellets, observe worms, learn how electricity works and much more.

Duration: Year long

Third Grade Core Block

(Core Block includes all subjects in the description below. Classes cannot be enrolled in individually.)

Teacher: Sharon Stohler

In preparation for the intermediate grades, students will refine basic fine motor skills and lay the foundations for future studies in language arts, math, American history, and science. Creative writing, brief essays, cursive handwriting, grammar and spelling will be covered in the language arts curriculum. Spanning the years from Columbus to modern day, a variety of literature, writing, and hands-on activities will encompass the history lessons. While the science studies combine experiments, projects, detailed sketches and laboratory notes. Bible and mathematics round out the block subjects for 3rd graders.

Textbooks:

Saxon Math 3 Workbooks Part 1 & 2 (blue covers with numeral 3's on front) ISBN: 0939798832

Bob Jones Science 3 Student Text 4th ed. (painted turtle on cover) ISBN: 978-1-60682-882-3

Bob Jones Science 3 Student Activity Manual 4th ed. (painted turtle on cover) ISBN: 978-1-60682-883-0

Spelling Power Student Activity Record Book ISBN: 9781888827071

The Complete Writer: Level One Workbook for Writing with Ease Susan Wise Bauer ISBN: 9781933339269

First Language Lessons Level 3 Student Workbook by Wise ISBN: 193333908X

Readers and Read Alouds: Borrow from the library or purchase used: (in order of use)

The Courage of Sarah Noble

A Lion to Guard Us

Meet Ben Franklin

Toliver's Secret

Clara Barton

The Great Turkey Walk

Caddie Woodlawn

Sarah, Plain and Tall

Buffalo Bill

Fair Weather

Eleanor Everywhere

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

Student supplies needed: Pencils, colored pencils, 3 spiral notebooks, 3 glue sticks, erasers, washable markers, and 1-(package of 4) thin Expo markers.

Duration: Year long

Third Grade Electives

Teacher: Sharon Stohler

3rd Grade Enrichment

Incorporating short lessons in different subjects, this period will cover beginning French, vocabulary based on Greek and Latin roots, music appreciation, and math enrichment games.

Textbook: Vocabulary from Classical Roots 4 ISBN: 0838822657

Student supplies needed: Composition book or spiral notebook, and pencils.

Duration: Year long

3rd Grade Geography

Since the study of American history is the core curriculum for a 3rd grader, the logical course for geography is to examine the fifty states. The 3rd grader will read about and study the important physical features of each state, examine the state flag, bird and flower, and discuss the valuable resources of the state. Writing short, non-fiction essays will also be an emphasis and focus.

Student supplies needed: Composition book, pencils, colored pencils and markers.

Duration: Year long

Fourth Grade Core Block

(Core Block includes all subjects in the description below. Classes cannot be enrolled in individually.)

4th Grade Language Arts

Teacher: Angie Unruh

4th grade English focuses on three areas: reading comprehension, writing, and grammar. As we read novels, we use context clues to determine unknown words, identify main ideas with supporting details, and begin to recognize main themes in literature. We hone writing skills to compose solid paragraphs—including a good topic statement with supporting sentences—and move from there to multiple paragraph essays. Along with composing paragraphs, we utilize the writing process: brainstorming, using an outline, writing a rough and a final draft, and revising/editing. Because grammar is fundamental to good writing, we focus on mastering and diagramming the eight parts of speech.

Textbooks: Grade 4--Write Source: A Book for Writing, Thinking, and Learning, 2006 ISBN: 9780669518078

Grade 4--Write Source Skills Book: Editing and Proofreading Practice ISBN: 9780669518191

Novels: From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler – E. L. Konigsburg, ISBN 9780689711817
The Trumpet of the Swan – E. B. White, ISBN 0064400484

Duration: Year long

4th Grade Math

Teacher: Lora Schultze

4th Grade math will use Saxon's "step-by-step" process to develop your student's understanding of multiplication, division, decimals and fractions. We will be working on timed tests of basic math facts, playing group games and working weekly on word problem skills. Students will have Monday, Wednesday and Friday assignments and regular take-home tests.

Textbook: Saxon 5/4 Home Study Kit, 3rd edition (includes Student Textbook, test/worksheet booklet, and answer key). Unmarked, used textbook and answer key may be used; however, the test/worksheet book must be new (ISBN 9781591413318)

Duration: Year long

4th Grade Science

Teacher: Kim James

Science 4 allows students to explore creation through an understandable and engaging presentation of text, diagrams, photographs, and illustrations. The curriculum offers interactive experiments, projects, and activities. Some of the topics covered include: ecosystems, plants, insects, the eye, the digestive system, and principles of motion and energy.

Textbooks: Science 4, BJU Press, 4th edition (Miners repelling down a clock-like mechanism on cover); student text may be used; ISBN 9781606827253

Science 4 Activity Manual, BJU Press (Miners repelling down a clock-like mechanism on cover); activity manual must be new.

Duration: Year long

4th Grade Social Studies

Teacher: Christy Davis

"Indiana in the Nation and the World" Students study Indiana history and its relationships to regional, national, and world communities. They consider the influence of physical and cultural environments on the state's growth and development and the principles and practices of citizenship and government in Indiana.

Textbook: Teacher will provide textbook on loan for no additional charge.

Duration: Year long

Fifth Grade Core Block

(Core Block includes all subjects in the description below. Classes cannot be enrolled in individually.)

5th grade Language Arts

Teacher: Angie Unruh

Like 4th grade, 5th grade English highlights reading comprehension, writing, and grammar. Through novels, students recognize main themes in literature, are introduced to literary devices, learn the characteristics of different genres, and identify a story's conflict. They hone writing skills through multiple paragraph reports, descriptive essays, persuasive letters, and basic literary analysis. Grammar study is a critical part of writing and communication, so students continue studying and diagramming the eight parts of speech.

Textbooks: Grade 5--Write Source: A Book for Writing, Thinking, and Learning, 2006 ISBN: 9780669518085
Grade 5--Write Source Skills Book: Editing and Proofreading Practice ISBN: 9780669518207

Novels: Where the Red Fern Grows-- Wilson Rawls, ISBN 9780553274295, The Tale of Despereaux--Kate diCamillo, ISBN 978076361722

Duration: Year long

5th Grade Math

Teacher: Lora Schultze

5th Grade math will use Saxon's "step-by-step" process to develop your student's understanding of basic math procedures while focusing on fractions. The student will use reasoning and judgment skills through a variety of problem-solving activities. Students will have Monday, Wednesday and Friday assignments and regular take-home tests.

Textbook: Saxon 6/5 Home Study Kit, 3rd edition (Student Textbook, test/worksheet booklet, and answer key). Unmarked, used textbook and answer key may be used; however, the test/worksheet book must be new. ISBN 978-1591413486

Duration: Year long

5th Grade Science

Teacher: Kim James

Science 5 continues building on the foundation of science facts and skills for the further study of science in the upper grades. The colorful curriculum, filled with photographs, charts, diagrams, and illustrations, balances the presentation of facts with hands-on activities in order to promote understanding and instill in your child a love of learning. Topics include the following: minerals, fossils, matter, light, weather, ecosystems, the human body and much more. All lessons are presented within a Biblical worldview to help your child develop knowledge of God.

Textbooks: Science 5 4th edition (fossil dig on the cover); student text; may be used ISBN: 9781606824634
Science 5 Activity Manual (must be new) ISBN: 9781606826010

Duration: Year long

5th Grade Social Studies

Teacher: Christy Davis

"The United States - The Founding of the Republic". Students study the history of the United States to 1800, focusing on the influence of political, geographical, economic, and cultural factors on early development. Emphasis is placed upon the study of American Indian cultures, exploration, colonization, settlement, and the founding period that produced the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Textbook: Teacher will provide textbook on loan for \$20

Duration: Year long

Sixth Grade Core Block

(Core Block includes all subjects in the description below. Classes cannot be enrolled in individually.)

6th Grade Language Arts

Teacher: Angie Unruh

In 6th Grade English, students continue to hone reading comprehension, writing, and grammar skills to prepare for middle school. While implementing the writing process, essays focus on narratives with plot elements, argumentative analysis comparing texts, and informative compositions using relevant details and facts as support. Grammar builds on previously learned skills. Through novels, poems, short stories, and factual texts, students find key ideas through textual support, understand how structure contributes to understanding, and synthesize different genres.

Textbooks: Write Source, Grade 6, 2012 edition (ISBN-13: 978-0547485027)

Write Source SkilBook, Grade 6 (ISBN-13: 978-0547484587)

Wonder by R.J. Palacio (ISBN 978-0-375-86902-0)

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau (ISBN 978-0-385-37135-3)

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt (ISBN-13: 978-0374301675)

Duration: Year long

6th Grade Math

Teacher: Lora Schultze

6th Grade math will use Saxon's "step-by-step" process to prepare students for higher levels of math. Students will review previously learned math fundamentals and introduce subjects such as fractions, percentages, proportions and statistics. Lessons will focus on problem solving and estimation. Students will have Monday, Wednesday and Friday assignments and both in class and take-home tests.

Textbook: Saxon 7/6 Home Study Kit, 4th edition ISBN 1591413494 Unmarked, used textbook and answer key may be used; however, the test/worksheet book must be new.

Duration: Year long

6th Grade Science

Teacher: Kim James

Science 6 is an engaging and interactive class that covers topics such as earthquakes and volcanoes, weather and erosion, natural resources, cells, scientific classification, atoms and molecules, the solar system, and genetics. Your child will consider each topic within a biblical worldview and will develop critical thinking skills along with other science process skills such as classifying, inferring, communicating, measuring, experimenting, and collecting and recording data.

Textbooks: Science 6 4th edition (salamander and starfish on the cover); student text; may be used.

ISBN: 1606822063, Science 6 Activity Manual (must be new): ISBN: 1606822179

Duration: Year long

6th Grade Social Studies

Teacher: Christy Davis

Peoples, Places, and Cultures in the Americas and Europe including geographical, historical, economic, political, and cultural relationships. The areas emphasized are Geography, Canada, Latin America, and Western Europe.

Textbooks: Teacher will provide textbook on loan for \$25

Duration: Year long

4-6th Grade Core Supply List

- 2 extra three-pronged pocket folders (folders for each subject will be provided on the first day of school)
- 1 four subject spiral notebook OR 4 individual spiral notebooks
- 1 composition notebook (**6th grade students ONLY**)
- 4 black Expo dry erase markers*
- Pencil bag w/ zipper
- Pencils (should have at least 2 in pencil bag at all times—Ticonderoga last the longest)
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Large pink eraser
- Scissors
- 2 large glue sticks (Elmers please as other brands dry out)*
- 2 packages post-it notes*
- 3 packages index cards on a ring- any size*
- Mini stapler/staples
- One pocket folder filled with loose-leaf paper

*Only one of these items needed on the first day of school, keep remainder at home as needed throughout the year.

4th-6th Grade Electives

4th - 6th Bible Foundations

Teacher: Erica Dick

This semester-long class will focus on some of the big picture questions of the faith: How did we get the Bible? What is God like? What is the Gospel? What is the church? How do we rightly handle the Scriptures? We will look to the Bible itself for most of our answers and supplement a few of the questions (like "How did we get the Bible?") with reliable sources on church history. (This class will alternate years with Old Testament/New Testament Survey.)

Textbooks: \$25 (provided by teacher)

Student supplies needed: Bible (any translation is fine), Textbook purchased from the teacher (\$25), Folder and a pen or pencil.

Duration: Semester long (class content is the same both semesters)

4th-6th Culinary Elective

Teacher: To Be Announced

Coming soon....

Duration: Semester long

Introduction to Journalism

Teacher: Kim James

Whether you love to write or suffer from permanent writer's block, this project-based class is sure to be a hit! Students will work together to plan, research, write and edit a bi-monthly electronic newsletter that will be sent to all 4th-6th grade parents. Students will sharpen their writing, spelling and proofreading skills as well as learn other important life skills, such as: time management, collaboration, and objectivity.

Student supplies needed: Notebook, pencils, highlighters

Duration: Semester long

Study Skills/GameTime

Teacher: Kim James

The first nine weeks of this course is designed to boost student performance in the areas of writing, active learning, studying and critical thinking. Elementary years are meant to lay a solid foundation for lifelong learning. In this class, students will learn various techniques and habits that will help them take ownership of their education for many years to come. Students will spend the second half of the course strengthening math, critical thinking and problem-solving skills in a fun and collaborative environment that will often involve learning through games. Grades will be based on participation, and homework will be minimal.

Student supplies needed: Composition notebook, highlighters, Post-it notes, pencils

Duration: Semester long

4th-6th Geography

Teacher: Lora Schultze

This class is an introduction to U.S. & World Geography. Each continent is systematically introduced with an emphasis on major bodies of water, countries, and land formations. Economics, languages, religions, weather, and cultures are also discussed. Students will practice reading and labeling maps. Other activities include missionary stories and speakers, videos, and tasting international foods. There is no homework or tests assigned for the course. All work is completed in class. Students will compile a folder with various maps and worksheets pertaining to the class.

Duration: Semester long

4th-6th Drawing and Design

Teacher: Lyn Gettinger

This studio art course will focus on Design Elements and Principles, and will include projects with seasonal inspiration.

Students will:

Gain confidence in their drawing ability

Learn to perceive rather than assume in order to draw realistically

Learn drawing techniques such as contour line drawing, linear perspective, and shading

Use pencil, marker, charcoal, and ink in subjects including still life, portrait, landscape, and line designs.

Each student will compile a portfolio of their completed work from which they will select pieces to be entered in the annual Spring Art Show.

Student supplies needed: All supplies are provided

Duration: Semester long

4th-6th Art Through the Ages

Teacher: Lyn Gettinger

This engaging course will acquaint students with artists from the past and introduce them to the development of art styles in historic eras. The studio projects will include a wide variety of 2D and 3D media, including ceramics. Each student will compile a portfolio of their completed work from which they will select pieces to be entered in the annual Spring Art Show.

Student supplies needed: All supplies are provided

Duration: Semester long

4th-6th Introduction to Hip Hop/Jazz

Teacher: Caitlin Wuethrich

This class will teach students the basics of Hip Hop and Jazz dance. Each class period the students will build their dance skills along with ending the semester with a dance recital that will showcase the movements learned throughout the year! This class will focus on learning new movements along with implementing their learned dance moves into their own choreography. *All music will be light hearted and not include any vulgar language that traditional hip hop classes may include. This will be a fun way for students to get moving and dance in a God glorifying way!

Student supplies needed: Workout type clothing, Jazz Shoes and Tennis Shoes

Duration: Semester long

4th-6th Introduction to Dance Styles (Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre and More!)

Teacher: Caitlin Wuethrich

This class will be an introduction to dance forms. Students will learn the basics of Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz and Musical Theatre. This is the perfect introduction to the world of dance for students who want to dive into dancing but would like to try out more than one style! We will learn about the history of each style along with basic steps. By the end of the semester every student will be able to identify the basic dance steps of each style along with having the tools in order to choreograph dances of their own! This class will be a fun, energetic way for students to be creative and dance to the glory of God! *Recital at the end of the semester

Student supplies needed: Ballet Shoes, Tap Shoes, Jazz Shoes (all can be found on discountdance.com for under \$50 total)

Duration: Semester long