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Elementary Program Kindergarten Curriculum Guide

Bible - Purposeful Design

The Purposeful Design Bible series focuses on the foundational teachings from the Bible about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early Church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him.

Our kindergarteners focus on familiar Bible lessons presented from both the Old Testament and New Testament, emphasizing God's care.

Math – Bob Jones

Math K5 uses an interactive approach with manipulatives to build a foundation of math concepts. Lessons on number sense, addition and subtraction, time, money, and other skills are introduced.

Writing - Lucy Calkins

The Lucy Calkins kindergarten writing series consists of four units.

- Unit 1: Launching the Writing Workshop - acknowledges that most children will be labeling their drawings
- Unit 2: Writing for Readers - helps children write true stories
- Unit 3: Writing to Teach Others - students write informational how-to papers on a procedure familiar to them
- Unit 4: Using Words to Make a Change - students craft petitions, persuasive letters, and signs that rally people to address problems in the classroom, the school, and the world

Handwriting – Abeka

Kindergarteners work on proper letter formation with the upper- and lowercase manuscript alphabet. Students will form the foundation for neat, legible handwriting.

Phonics - Abeka/Primary Phonics

Kindergarteners will learn to read and recognize their letters and sounds. *Abeka Letters and Sounds K5* uses age-appropriate phonics exercises to help students associate pictures and words, enhance vocabulary, develop reasoning and listening skills, and follow directions. Students will apply understanding of one and two-vowel words, special phonics sounds, and blends to create words, finish sentences, solve puzzles, and color pictures.

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Primary Phonics facilitates individualized instruction through flexible, skills-based workbooks and storybooks that correspond to students' ability levels. Students are able to work at their own pace and progress from simple to complex phonic elements to become successful readers.

Reading - Abeka

Basic Phonics Readers help kindergarteners review one- and two-vowel words while incorporating reading principles into age-appropriate stories. By the end of kindergarten, students will be using phonics blends and special phonics sounds to read complete stories.

Social Studies - Pearson My World

With an integrated and interactive curriculum, stories from our world engage students and help develop thoughtful, literate citizens. Lessons apply inquiry processes, practice reading and writing, and involve collaboration and communication skills. The kindergarten Social Studies theme is called *Here We Are* and focuses on the following contents:

- My Family
- My School
- Everybody Works
- Where We Live
- Our Traditions
- Life Then and Now

Science

Students will engage in hands-on learning through observations and experiments that allow them to investigate and reason. Students will explore the world around them focusing on their five senses, life cycles, habitats, magnets, matter, seasons, and the solar system.

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