

CURRICULUM GUIDE



**FIRST-EIGHTH GRADES
2009-2010**

First Grade Curriculum

Spelling and Phonics: SRA; McGraw-Hill

Math: SAXON Level 2

READING:

- Guided Reading: Leveled books based on Science and Social Studies Grade Level Standards (SRA)
- Making Meaning: Read aloud stories with comprehension activities & written responses
- AR Books: Computerized reading assessments

Grammar and Vocabulary: Shurley, SRA; McGraw-Hill

Writing:

- Shurley English
- SRA, McGraw-Hill
- Writer's Portfolio

Bible: Veritas: Genesis through Joshua

History: Veritas: Old Testament and Ancient Egypt

Geography: Nystrom; Block Buddy Atlas Program

Handwriting: SRA, McGraw Hill

Science: Discovery Works, Concordia Press

Latin: Introduction to Christian Latin: Vocabulary, Basic Verb Conjugations and Conversational Latin

Spanish: Fundamentals and basic vocabulary

Special Areas: Art, Music, Technology, Physical Education, and Library

Quarterly Assessments: DRA, IRI, STAR Math, STAR Reading, Fluency, On Demand Writing

Field Trips:

- Pumpkin Patch
- Helen Woodward

First Grade Distinctives:

1st grade orientation: Students transition from K campus before the 1st day of school

Homework: 10 minutes a night+ reading

Students memorize Bible verses weekly

Students memorize Latin vocabulary

Students memorize Spanish vocabulary

Students are tested weekly on Spelling, Phonics, Math and Bible

Egyptian Day

Second Grade Curriculum

Spelling and Phonics: SRA; McGraw-Hill

Vocabulary: SRA, McGraw-Hill

Math: SAXON Level 3

READING:

- Guided Reading: Leveled books based on Science and Social Studies Grade Level Standards (SRA)
- Core Literature books with Biblically based Comprehension Guides from Progeny or Veritas
Titles including, but not limited to:
 - Frog and Toad
 - Miss Rumphius
 - Ox cart Man
 - Ancient Rome and Pompeii
 - Vacation under the Volcano
 - Baby island
 - Pinocchio
- Making Meaning: Read aloud stories with comprehension activities
- AR Books: Computerized reading assessments

Grammar Shurley English

Writing:

- Shurley English
- SRA, McGraw-Hill

Handwriting: SRA McGraw-Hill

Bible: Veritas: Judges through Kings

History: Veritas: New Testament, Greece, and Rome

Geography: Nystrom: Atlas Program

Science: Discovery Works Concordia Press

Latin: Latin for Children Primer A, Part I

Spanish: Vocabulary, Sentence structure, and conversational practice

Special Areas: Art, Music, Technology, Physical Education, and Library

Quarterly Assessments: DRA, IRI, STAR Math, STAR Reading, Fluency, On Demand Writing

Annual Assessments: IOWA

Field Trips: SD Zoo, Brighton Gardens, Lego-land "Digging for Dinos"

2nd Grade Distinctives:

Homework: 20 minutes a night + reading

Writing: 2-point expository Paragraphs

Neat and orderly writing: Mastery of Handwriting

The Greek Olympics

Spanish Spelling Bee

ACSI Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Math Olympics, National Spelling Bee

Memorize History and Bible Song

Third Grade Curriculum

Spelling and Phonics: SRA, McGraw-Hill

Vocabulary: SRA, McGraw-Hill

Math: SAXON Level 4

READING:

- Guided Reading: Leveled books based on Science and Social Studies Grade Level Standards (SRA)
- Core Literature books with Biblically based Comprehension Guides from Progeny or Veritas
(Books to be purchased by student)
 - Charlotte Web
 - Courage of Sarah Noble
 - Magician's Nephew
 - One Hundred Dresses
 - Sarah, Plain and Tall
 - Best Christmas Pageant Ever
 - Stone Fox
 - Viking Ships at Sunrise
 - The Minstrel in the Tower
- Making Meaning: Read aloud stories and comprehension activities
- AR Books: Computerized reading assessments

Grammar: Shurley English

Writing: Shurley English, SRA McGraw-Hill

Handwriting: SRA, McGraw-Hill

Bible: Veritas: Chronicles through Malachi and Job

History: Veritas: Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Reformation

Geography: Nystrom; Map Champs Atlas Program

Science: Discovery Works, Concordia Press

Latin: Latin for Children Primer A, Part II

Spanish: Vocabulary, Sentence structures, and communication practice

Special Areas: Art, Music, Technology, Physical Education, and Library

Quarterly Assessments: DRA, IRI, STAR Math, STAR Reading, Fluency, On Demand Writing

Annual Assessments: IOWA

Field Trips: SD Air and Space Museum, Indian Hills, Wild Animal Park, and Medieval Times

Third Grade Distinctives:

Homework: 30 minutes a night + reading

Begin Cursive, (required next year)

Memorize Multiplication Tables 0-12

Book Reports Quarterly

Research Report: Animals

Viking and Barbarian Day!

Memorize History and Bible Song

Fourth Grade Curriculum

Spelling and Phonics: SRA, McGraw-Hill

Vocabulary: SRA, McGraw-Hill

Math: SAXON Level 5/4 or Level 6/5

READING:

- Guided Reading: Leveled books based on Science and Social Studies Grade Level Standards (SRA)
- Core Literature books with Biblically based Comprehension Guides from Progeny or Veritas
- Core Lit with Comprehension Guides from Progeny Press and Veritas
(Books to be purchased by student)
 - Indian in the Cupboard
 - Maniac Magee
 - Island of the Blue Dolphins
 - From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
 - Secret Garden
 - Twenty-One Balloons
 - The Great Horn Spoon
- AR Books: Computerized reading assessments

Grammar: Shurley English

Writing: Shurley English, SRA McGraw-Hill

Bible: Veritas; The Gospels

Handwriting: SRA, McGraw-Hill

History: Veritas; Explorers – 1815

Geography: Nystrom; Junior Geographer

Science: Discovery Works, Concordia Press

Spanish: TPRS Publishing: ¡Cuéntame!

Latin: Latin for Children Primer B, Part I

Special Areas: Art, Music, Technology, Physical Education, Library

Quarterly Assessments: IRI, STAR Math, STAR Reading, Fluency, On Demand Writing

Annual Assessments: IOWA,

Field Trips: Indian Hills, San Juan Capistrano, Sea World, and Christian Youth Theatre

4th Grade Distinctives:

Introduction to Study Skills:

Organized Binder with Tabs

Records Nightly Homework

Homework: 40 minutes a night + reading

All writing in Cursive

Transition from printing

Book Reports – 2 Per Quarter

30 min. nightly reading

Research Report: California

Missions: Introduction to Research Methods

Day trip to San Juan Capistrano Mission

Reader's Theatre

Fifth Grade Curriculum

Spelling: SRA Spelling – McGraw Hill

Vocabulary: SRA, McGraw-Hill

Math: SAXON 6/5 or Prentice Hall

READING:

- Guided Reading: Leveled books based on Science and Social Studies Grade Level Standards (SRA)
- Core Literature books with Biblically based Comprehension Guides from Progeny or Veritas
(Books to be purchased by student)
 - The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe
 - Cricket in Time Square
 - Where the Red Fern Grows
 - Tuck Everlasting
 - Children of the Storm
 - Journey to America
 - Witness to War
 - The Tale of Desperaux
- Supplemental Literature
 - Children of the Storm
 - Journey to America
 - Witness to War
- AR Books: Computerized reading assessments

Grammar: Shurley English

Writing: Shurley, SRA, McGraw-Hill

Handwriting: SRA, McGraw-Hill

Bible: Veritas: Acts through Revelation, Memorization

History: Veritas: 1815 – Present Veritas Cards

Geography: Nystrom: Our Country's History Atlas Program

Science: Discovery Works, Concordia

Spanish: TPRS Publishing: ¡Cuéntame!

Latin: Latin for Children Primer B – Part II

Special Areas: Art, Music, Technology, Physical Education, and Library

Quarterly Assessments: IRI, STAR Math, STAR Reading, Fluency, On Demand Writing

Annual Assessments: IOWA,

Field Trips: Sacramento and Coloma Tour, Legoland: Technology and Space, Apple Store:

Fifth Grade Distinctives:

Homework: 50 minutes per night + reading; Record nightly homework; Emphasis on personal responsibility and accountability

Study Skills: Introduction
Note Taking and Organizational Skills

All Writing in Cursive
Transition to typing – next year all typing

Monthly Book Reports
30 minutes nightly reading
(Class Novels included)

Research Reports:
State Report
Research Methods/Strategies

Memorize History Song, Bible Song and States & Capitals

Narnia Days

ACSI Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Math Olympics, National Spelling Bee

Sacramento & Coloma Trip and Guided Tour

Sixth Grade Curriculum

Spelling:

- SRA, McGraw-Hill

Math:

- Prentice Hall Book I, II
- Prentice Hall Pre-Algebra

History and Geography:

- Houghton Mifflin Ancient Civilizations
- Omnibus

English/Literature

- Grammar/Vocabulary: Shurley English, SRA McGraw-Hill
- Writing: Shurley and SRA McGraw-Hill
- Literature: Omnibus, Progeny Press, Veritas

Spanish:

- TPRS Publishing: ¡Cuéntame más!

Science:

- Prentice Hall Earth Science

Latin: Latin for Children Primer C

Music: HP Curriculum

Art: Introducing Art, Glencoe

Health: Total Health, Susan Boe

Bible: Route 66, Positive Action

Special Areas: Studio Art, Introduction to Musical Instruments, Technology, P.E. and Technology

Field Trips:

Hume Lake Christian Camp, History Of Art Museum, Institute for Creation Research, Indian Hills

Quarterly Assessments: IRI, STAR Math, STAR Reading, Fluency, On Demand Writing

Annual Assessments: IOWA

6th Grade Distinctives:

MAC laptop computer required for all classes

Homework: 1 hour per night + reading

Typing Required for all written work

Online Portfolio Begins

Web Design
Posted Projects/Assignments
Video Production

Reports:

Book Reports
Country Report

Current Events:

Current Events Weekly – Binder and Write up

Service Projects

Community service hours - 3 per semester

Science Fair

Compete in ACSI science Fair

ACSI Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Math Olympics, National Spelling Bee

Camps:

Fall: Hume Lake 6th-8th

Spring: Indian Hills

Seventh Grade Curriculum

Math: Prentice Hall Pre- Algebra or Algebra

Logic: The Art of Argument, Classical Academic Press

Spanish: TPRS Publishing: ¡Cuéntame!

Upon completion of our middle school Spanish program, students will test into Spanish II

History:

- Omnibus II, Church Fathers through the Reformation
- Houghton Mifflin- Across the Centuries; World History,

English

- Grammar/Writing: Omnibus
- Vocabulary: Illustrated Word Smart Visual Vocabulary Builder

Literature: Omnibus II Church Fathers through the Reformation

The Hobbit
The Fellowship of the Rings
Nine Tailors
Beowulf
A Midsummer's Night Dream
The Two Towers
The Return of the King

Science: Prentice Hall, Life Science

Physical Education/Health: Total Health, Susan Boe

Bible: Omnibus II, Church Fathers through the Reformation

Art History: Understanding Art, Glencoe

Music History: HP Curriculum

Technology: Mac

Athletics: Surfing, Cross Country, Football, Wrestling, Volleyball, Basketball, and Baseball

Field Trips: Hume Lake, Museums of Art and Sciences, Washington DC or Northern California Yosemite Tour

7th Grade Distinctives

MAC required for all classes

Typing Required for all written work

Online Portfolio Begins

Web Design
Projects/Assignments Posted
Video Production

Reports:

Will vary throughout the year

Weekly Current Events:

Binder and Write-ups in History

Service Projects

Community Service Hours

ACSI Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Math Olympics, Science Fair

Camps:

Fall: Hume Lake 6th-8th
Spring Class Trip

Debate

Eighth Grade Curriculum

Math:

- Prentice Hall Algebra, Advanced Algebra

Logic and Rhetoric:

- The Argument Builder, Classical Academic Press

Spanish:

- TPRS Publishing: ¡Cuéntame!

History:

- Houghton Mifflin- A More Powerful Union
- Omnibus

English

- Grammar/Writing: Omnibus
- Vocabulary: Illustrated Word Smart Visual Vocabulary Builder

Literature:

- Omnibus
 - Frankenstein
 - Pride and Prejudice
 - Gulliver's Travels
 - Adventures of Tom Sawyer
 - Little women
 - Animal Farm
 - The Old Man and the Sea
 - The Great Gatsby

Science: Prentice Hall, Physical Science

Bible: Omnibus

Physical Education/Health: Total Health, Susan Boe

Art History: Understanding Art, Glencoe

Music History: A History of Western Music: David Grout

Athletics: Surfing, Cross Country, Football, Wrestling, Volleyball, Basketball, and Baseball

Technology, MAC

Field Trips: Hume Lake, Museums of Art and Sciences, Washington DC or Northern California Yosemite Tour

8th Grade Distinctives
MAC required for all classes

Typing Required for all written work (Math must show all work)

Online Portfolio

Web Design
Projects/Assignment
Video Production

Reports:

Monthly Book Reports
Report: 1 per semester

Weekly Current Events:

Binder and Write-ups in History

Service Projects

Science Fair

Compete in ACSI science Fair

ACSI Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Math Olympics, National Spelling Bee

Camps:

Fall: Hume Lake 6th-8th
Spring: Washington DC Class Trip