

Ad Fontes Academy Sixth Grade

BIBLICAL FOCUS

We consider it vitally important to integrate Biblical teaching throughout the curriculum every day. In addition, students have these special opportunities to learn and grow in their faith:

Devotions

Our students:

- Begin each day with a Bible story or Scripture-based lesson about the character of God, the work of His Son Jesus Christ, and His purposes for our lives;
- Enjoy daily prayer for personal needs and concerns.

Chapels

Our students:

- Participate in a weekly chapel time for worship, learning, and prayer;
- Are challenged to depend upon the grace of God by faith, and to measure all claims to truth by His inerrant word as they live out their faith in Jesus Christ.

Bible Class

Our students:

- Study the book of Acts, as well as Ephesians and James;
- Memorize passages of scripture;
- Integrate Bible studies with reading lessons, history, grammar, and art.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Literature

Our students:

- Practice reading orally for precision, fluency, and comprehension. We read such classics as *Robinson Crusoe*, *The Mayflower and the Pilgrims' New World*, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, *The Holy Wars*, *I Am Regina*, *Johnny Tremain*, *The Captain from Connecticut*, *Les Miserables* (abridged)

Grammar

Our students:

- Review the parts of speech;
- Learn to recognize and use gerund, infinitive, appositive and participial phrases;
- Learn to use modifying clauses and proper pronoun-antecedent agreement;
- Learn to recognize and use active and passive voice;
- Review and solidify proper punctuation rules.

Classical Composition

Our students:

- Learn to outline and write essays using proper 5-paragraph structure;
- Using classical composition methods, learn to write a narrative and description.

MATHEMATICS

We use the Singapore (Standards Edition) math curriculum.

Our students learn to:

- Understand place value to the billions;
- Add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions, decimals, mixed numbers;
- Solve problems using percentages and rate;
- Find perimeter, area and volume;
- Use the properties of angles to solve problems;
- Understand factoring, common and greatest multiples, the order of operations, the distributive property, and exponents;
- Solve multi-step word problems using the bar model;

SCIENCE

Our students study:

- Reproduction of flowering plants
- Human cell biology: parts and processes
- Human body systems: parts and processes
- Dissection including a sheep's heart.

HISTORY

Medieval/Renaissance

Our students study:

- The explorations of the 15th and 16th century;
- European expansion and the Counter Reformation;
- The Enlightenment and Rationalism;
- The Puritans and the Great Awakening;
- Native Americans
- Colonial America and the War of Independence;
- The War of 1812;
- The Missouri Compromise
- The Civil War
- The Spanish-American War
- Assassination of McKinley

LATIN

Our students:

- Learn pronoun declensions
- Learn prepositions and irregular verbs
- Learn 300 new vocabulary words
- Learn to decline numbers
- Learn the 3rd declension and i-stem nouns
- Translate using all noun cases
- Use the present, imperfect and future tenses
- Learn 3rd conjugation verbs

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ENRICHMENT

Poetry and Recitations

Our students memorize and recite a variety of materials to enhance their studies and refine their rhetorical skills; selections may include the following:

- I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Psalm 23
- James 1:1-26
- "Hope is the Thing with Feathers," Dickenson
- "If," Kipling
- "Steadfastness," Joshua
- "Ozymandias," Shelley
- "Daffodils," Wordsworth
- Portions of the following:
 - Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty" speech
 - Declaration of Independence
- History Timeline

Art

Our students have an extended art class each week in which they:

- Learn to identify God's elements of design as seen in creation: value, color, space, shape, texture, and line;
- Use these elements to create their own works of art;
- Become familiar with the works of master artists throughout history.

Music / Drama

Students have music classes twice a week with a music specialist in which they:

- Learn to match pitch, sing the most common harmonic intervals and analyze rhythms..
- Learn classic hymns of the faith.
- Recognize compositions from different periods of history.
- Learn about the lives of famous composers.

Students have drama instruction for 7-8 weeks culminating in a class play.

P.E.

Our students participate in a physical education class twice a week. They develop coordination, game skills and good sportsmanship.

Field Trips/Events

- Symphony or other classical music concert
- National Gallery of Art
- Health and Science Museum
- Mt. Vernon
- National Archives
- Class campout
- Literature and Tea discussion days
- Colonial Day

Performances

- Christmas Program
- Recitatio
- Recitations for parents
- Grandparents Day
- Class Play