

Grammar School Course of Study 2006-2007

Bible

Bible will be integrated throughout all disciplines. Students will use the NIV Bible translation for memorization and study. Students will be trained in Christ-like character throughout the school day.

1 st	Old Testament study <i>The Children Story Bible</i>
2 nd	New Testament study <i>The Children Story Bible</i>
3 rd & 4 th	In Depth Bible Study
5 th	<i>Learning from the Life of Christ</i> by Bob Jones

Reading/Literature

At Covenant Academy, we will equip each child with the phonetic skill and practice necessary to read well, that is, smoothly, and with good comprehension. We will carefully monitor and guide the child's growth in reading-related skills, e.g. comprehension and vocabulary development, while he is reading and enjoying worthwhile, time-tested, and challenging literature. The students at Covenant Academy will be exposed to a variety of literature styles, forms, and will not be restricted to basal type readers. It is our goal that the students of Covenant Academy will become avid readers. These students will be taught to read carefully and critically, understanding of the Christian worldview, and comparing it with the author's worldview.

Writing

Writing is a process of applying legible handwriting, accurate spelling, and proper use of grammar to communicate thoughts or ideas and information learned. Composition writing will be integrated throughout all disciplines. Starting in Kindergarten and continuing through 5th grade, students will develop skills of narration, dictation, copy, writing complete sentences, well developed paragraphs, and reports.

Grammar

The goal of the grammar program is to equip students to understand the structure of the English language, comprehend the principles of traditional grammar, and apply their understanding in written oral language. Emphasis will be place on integration of learned grammar skills in personal writings.

1 st – 2 nd	<i>First Lessons in Language</i>
3 rd – 5 th	Formal Study of Grammar by KISS Grammar

Handwriting

Proper penmanship will be part of the Grammar School Language Arts program. The goal of the handwriting program is to write fluidly, consistently, and legibly.

Kinder / 1 st	Traditional Print
2 nd	Traditional Print-1 st semester, Cursive handwriting-2 nd semester
3 rd -5 th	Cursive

Spelling

A phonetic and rule based program with a heavy concentration on application.

K-5 th	<i>The W.I.S.E. (Words, Instruction & Spelling Enrichment) Guide for Spelling</i> by Wanda Sanseri <i>Words Their Way</i>
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Public Speaking and Recitation

Memorization and recitation are integrated throughout the subjects. Students will develop public speaking skills through recitations using scripture, poems and literature.

History

Students study history chronologically beginning with Creation through the Modern Age. Literature, geography, writing and hands-on activities are integrated in the study of history.

1st	Ancient Civilizations (Creation. - 300 B.C.)
2 nd	Rise and Fall of Rome and Middle Ages (300 B.C. – 900 A.D.)
3 rd	Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation and Early Exploration (500 A.D. – 1600 A.D.)
4 th	Early American History and World History (1500 A.D. – 1790 A.D.)
5 th	American History and World History (1790 A.D. - present)

Geography

Students will examine how geography has had a hand in molding history, and discuss how it may influence present and future events. Geography is integrated throughout the subjects.

Latin

Covenant Academy will instruct students in the fundamental vocabulary and grammar of Latin to better their understanding of the English and romance languages.

“Latin trains the mind to think in an orderly fashion. Latin is the most systematic language. The discipline of assembling endings and arranging syntax according to sets of rules is the mental equivalent of a daily two-mile jog. And because Latin demands precision, the Latin-trained mind becomes accustomed to paying attention to detail, a habit that will pay off especially when studying Math and Science. Latin improves English skills. The grammatical structure of English is based on Latin, as is about 50% of English vocabulary. The student who understands how Latin works is rarely tripped up by complicated English syntax or obscure English words.” (excerpt from *The Well-Trained Mind*)

3 rd – 4 th	<i>English from the Roots Up</i> by Joegil and Jeanne Lundquist
5 th	<i>English from the Roots Up</i> by Joegil and Jeanne Lundquist

Mathematics

We seek to ensure that the students have a thorough mastery of basic mathematical functions and tables. It is our desire and intent to be able to teach all math classes during the same hour, allowing students to be grouped according to ability.

We will emphasize conceptual, as well as practical understanding of math through the frequent use of story problems and application of mathematical concepts in *life's experience*. It is our desire to illustrate God's unchanging character through the timeless, logical mathematical systems He gave to man through His gift of reason.

Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
<u>Math Their Way</u>	<u>Purposeful</u>	<u>Purposeful</u>	<u>Purposeful</u>	<u>Purposeful</u>	<u>Purposeful</u>
<u>Purposeful</u>	<u>Design</u>	<u>Design</u>	<u>Design</u>	<u>Design</u>	<u>Design</u>
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Science

The goal of Science is to give students an extensive understanding and knowledge of God's creation with a biblical worldview. This knowledge is designed to point them to the existence of the Almighty and All-powerful Creator.

1 st Nine Weeks	2 nd Nine Weeks	3 rd Nine Weeks	4 th Nine Weeks
<i>1st Grade</i>			
Nature Studies	Nature Studies	Nature Studies	Nature Studies
Regions of the World Deserts	Jungles Rain Forests	Forest Mountains Tundra	Artic Regions Oceans
Earth Science	Chemistry/Physics	Life Science	Personal Interest
<i>Grade 2</i>			
Earths Atmosphere Astronomy	States of Matter	Classification of Plant and Animal Life (Nature study)	Continuation of Life Science Study & Class Project
<i>Grade 3</i>			
Geology Archeology	Atoms and Molecules Simple Machines	Fish, Reptiles & Amphibians	Plants & Class Project (classification & types)
<i>Grade 4</i>			
Astronomy Hydrosphere	Bases/Acids Light/Magnetism	Insects, Birds & Mammals	Plants & Class Project (anatomy of)
<i>Grade 5</i>			
Human Anatomy	Basic Elements/Periodic Table Energy/Electricity	Space Exploration Atmosphere	Inventions & Student Projects

Art

At Covenant Academy, we seek to teach all students the fundamentals of artistic design through the use of a variety of art media and techniques. Students will be introduced to the masters and their works in order to train them to appreciate beauty and skill. Students will also gain an understanding of the importance of history on artistic works.

Kinder - 2 nd	Beginning Classical Art
3 rd - 5 th	Intermediate Classical Art

Music

Kinder - 2 nd	Music Appreciation/Rhythm/Basic Theory
3 rd - 5 th	Music Appreciation/Study of Classical Artists

Physical Education

Students will learn to bring glory to God in our physical bodies as we keep them healthy and fit. Christ-like character will be modeled and learned through games and athletic competition.

K-5 th	Physical Education training/sports & games/large and small motor development Integration of nutrition and human anatomy
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