

ELEMENTARY



CURRICULUM

KINDERGARTEN

In kindergarten we are introduced to phonograms, sounding out words as emerging readers. We practice correct letter-formation, learning to write lowercase and uppercase letters from memory. We recognize numbers up to 100, count by 2s, 5s, and 10s, understand place value, and do simple addition and subtraction problems. We learn about God in *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, memorize Scripture and poetry, and enjoy quality children's read-alouds. We study the continents, weather, and the human body. We learn about our community and where we live and take several field trips. **(HW Time: 20 min.)**

FIRST GRADE

In first grade we learn the 71 phonograms of the English language, spell ten words a week using the *Spell to Write and Read* curriculum, and improve in our reading accuracy and fluency with reading circles at school and reading practice at home. We write complete sentences with capitals and end marks and improve our penmanship with the Getty-Dubay italic font. We master addition and subtraction using *Math-U-See Alpha* and additional place value tools. We read through Old Testament Bible stories, journey to the New World with explorers and Pilgrims, and study ocean animals and biomes. We memorize Scripture, poetry, *New City Catechism*, the names of the fifty states, and more! **(HW Time: 60-90 min.)**

AT-HOME WORK

Although classes are only half day (8:00am to 12:15pm), students will have work assigned to be completed at home that will make their academic workload the same as that of a full day school.

SECOND GRADE

In second grade we master regrouping (carrying and borrowing) in math with *Math-U-See Beta* and learn how to skip count with all the single-digit numbers. We learn how to write groups of sentences on a given topic and begin identifying the parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives) We memorize the fifty states, the provinces of Canada, Scripture, poetry, and *New City Catechism*. We continue to spell ten words a week and improve our italic penmanship. We practice reading at school and at home, finishing the assigned book of the month plus more books at our reading level. We read through New Testament stories, meet Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, reenact the Boston Tea Party, and study geology and the solar system. **(HW Time: 90-120 min.)**

THIRD GRADE

In third grade we learn how to structure a formal paragraph, write fables through imitation, and dress up our sentences with *Institute for Excellence in Writing* techniques. We identify all main parts of speech and master Getty-Dubay *cursive* italic penmanship. We spell fifteen words a week using the *Spell to Write and Read* curriculum. We read *The Courage of Sarah Noble*, *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, and other books of the month, discussing characters and plot. We memorize the books of the Bible and learn to find chapter and verse. We travel with Lewis and Clark and explore the Oregon Trail. We investigate the characteristics of birds, insects, and other creeping and flying things. We master area and perimeter, the multiplication table, and double-digit multiplication using *Math-U-See Gamma*. We memorize state capitals, Scripture, poetry, and *New City Catechism*. **(HW Time: 90-120 min.)**

FOURTH GRADE

In fourth grade we write narratives with a beginning, middle, and end and put paragraphs together to make larger essays. We continue to spell fifteen words a week using *Spell to Write and Read*. We label parts of speech using IEW's *Fix-It Grammar*. We enjoy *Prince Caspian*, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, and other classic literature. We begin our studies of Latin with *Paideia Latina*, memorizing Latin vocabulary and grammar that will help us in our understanding of English. We read from the Old Testament in class and memorize Scripture, poetry, and *New City Catechism*. We master basic and long division with *Math-U-See Delta*. We explore the history of the Ancient World with *Mystery of History*, memorizing the countries of Africa along the way. We study mammals, reptiles, and other land animals using Apologia's *Exploring Creation* series. **(HW Time: 2-2.5 hours)**

FIFTH GRADE

In fifth grade we master fractions, fractions, and more fractions with *Math-U-See Epsilon*. We continue to improve our composition skills, writing narratives and essays that integrate with our other classes. We finish our spelling lists with the *Spell to Write and Read* curriculum and continue labeling parts of speech. We enjoy *The Door in the Wall*, *Call it Courage*, and other classic literature. We continue our studies of Latin with *Paideia Latina*, mastering noun jobs and basic verb tenses. We read from the Gospels in class, memorizing Scripture, poetry, *New City Catechism*, and all the countries of Europe. We examine the history of the Middle Ages with the second volume of *Mystery of History* and delve into botany using Apologia's *Exploring Creation* series. **(HW Time: 2-2.5 hours)**

SIXTH GRADE

In sixth grade we complete our penmanship studies with cursive italic and italic calligraphy. We compose multi-paragraph essays and essays on a given quote. We continue to identify parts of speech and begin diagramming sentences. We finish learning the five declensions and four conjugations of Latin, disciplining our minds with the logical structure of the Latin language. We master fractions, decimals, and percentages using *Math-U-See Zeta* and study beginning physics and chemistry using Apologia's *Exploring Creation*. We read from the books of Luke and Acts, memorizing Scripture, poetry, *New City Catechism*, and all the countries of Asia. We explore the history of the Reformation and Renaissance with the third volume of *Mystery of History*. We enjoy classic literature like *The Hobbit*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and abridged stories from Shakespeare. **(HW Time: 2-2.5 hours)**

ART & MUSIC

Elementary grades at Paideia have art once a week and music twice a week. In addition to this, music is incorporated into many of our other classes as we use music to aid in memory and to "make a joyful shout to the Lord."

RECESS

At Paideia, we consider Recess to be a class—a class where students learn how to interact with each other using the fruits of the Spirit. Elementary students have a 25-minute recess each day, during which time they are welcome to eat a snack. Due to our half-day model, we do not have a lunch period.

FIELD TRIPS

Elementary classes typically go on three field trips each school year with the fee for each trip ranging from ten to fifteen dollars. The kindergarten class is an exception, experiencing five or six field trips each year.