



Christian Academy
OF LOUISVILLE
ENGLISH STATION CAMPUS

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Curriculum and Field Trips

Bible (ACSI/Purposeful Design): We study the life of Christ and the early Church. We have weekly Bible verses to memorize, which will be recited on Fridays. We will also memorize The Christmas Story, Luke 2:1-20. We attend chapel each week and participate in class-specific and school-wide service projects. Bible content will also be integrated into every academic subject.

Reading (Foundations & Frameworks): We focus on the 5 crucial areas of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. The comprehension skills studied are cause & effect, main idea, setting, plot, character, questioning, compare/contrast, summarization and figurative language.

Math (GO Math!): Our units include place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, measurement and fractions. There is an emphasis on learning multiplication facts to x12.

Handwriting (Handwriting without Tears): We will learn cursive handwriting.

Spelling (Zaner Bloser): We have spelling words each week that have similar spelling patterns. Our spelling tests will be every Friday.

Grammar/Writing (Abeka & Being a Writer): Grammar is taught through the writing process. We will publish 4 writing pieces: a personal narrative, persuasive letter, short story and an animal research paper.

Science (BJU Press): We study rocks & minerals, weather, the human body, animals, plants, matter, and the scientific method is taught through the use of classroom experiments.

Social Studies (BJU Press): We study why the European countries built colonies here in America and move through history looking at the Constitution, our early Presidents, the Industrial Revolution and Westward Expansion.

Field Trips: 1 per semester and several service projects

Homework

Homework should not exceed 30 minutes each night in addition to the 15 minutes of required reading. Each night your child should read and prepare for any upcoming tests. You will find additional homework assignments written in their agenda. Students may also have incomplete classwork to complete as homework.

They are responsible for copying their assignments from the board to their agenda. **PLEASE SIGN THEIR AGENDA EACH NIGHT!** Homework is due by 7:50 each morning. There will be a deduction from the Work/Study grade for late papers.

We encourage you to set up a scheduled time for homework each day with your child. Students should be able to do most assignments independently, but do help if it is completely necessary. *If you notice that your child is not able to do a homework assignment on his or her own, please send an email or jot a note to your child's teacher on the assignment.*

Absences and Tardiness

Students are expected to arrive in their classroom by 7:50 am. Those who fail to do so are considered tardy. This lateness either delays the beginning of class activity or creates an unnecessary interruption in the learning process for all students. Students who accumulate 5 or more tardies during the school year will no longer be eligible for a perfect attendance certificate. Be sure to email your child's teacher and the office, or send your child's teacher a note if their afternoon travel arrangements are different than normal.

If a student is absent, the student will have the same number of days to complete work as the days he/she was absent plus one extra day. Please call the office on the day of the absence before 9:00 to ensure the make-up work will be sent home the same day. If the student goes on vacation, he/she will have the same number of absent days to make up the work (maximum of 5 days). Homework for students on vacation will be distributed after the vacation has ended and the child returns to school.

Grading

Listed below are each subject and the categories for that subject:

In Reading, grades will fall into 2 categories:

Fluency – rate and expression with reading aloud

Comprehension – anything relating to Foundations & Frameworks as well as any other comprehension activities

In Spelling, grades will fall into 2 categories:

Word List – activities from spelling book, weekly spelling tests

Application – spelling in other subjects

In Math, grades will fall into 2 categories:

Practice – classwork, homework

Assessment – chapter/unit tests

In English, Science, Social Studies, and Bible there will be 2 categories:

Daily Work – classwork, homework

Assessment – chapter/unit tests

In Conduct, Work/Study Habits and Handwriting, there will be 1 weekly grade:

Conduct – behavior

Work/Study Habits – late assignments, tardiness, no agenda, no name papers, off task

Handwriting – printed and cursive writing in all subjects

Grading Scale

A	Outstanding	O	90% - 100%
B	Above Satisfactory	S+	80% - 89%
C	Satisfactory	S	70% - 79%
D	Below Satisfactory	S-	60% - 69%
F	Needs Improvement	N	Below 60%

The A/B/C scale will be used in Reading, Math, Spelling and English. All other subjects will use the O/S/N scale. Check RenWeb often for current grades and missing assignments: login.renweb.com

Discipline

In order to guarantee your child and all the children in our classroom the excellent learning environment they deserve, we are utilizing the following discipline plan. As you know, good behavior and learning go hand in hand. Simple class rules have been established to ensure your child has a positive and safe learning environment. Our theme verse is “**...to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.**” **Titus 2:3b**. Therefore, our class rules are: Listen when your teacher is talking; Follow directions quickly; Respect others, respect yourself, and respect your school; Raise your hand to speak or stand; Be safe, be kind, and be honest. Your child’s behavior and classroom choices will be monitored each day and communicated to you daily.

Snacks

We will have a snack time each day. Students are allowed to bring a water bottle and a snack from this approved list: *Applesauce, cereal bars, cheese, cheese-nips, cheese-its, Chex mix, fruit, fruit gummies, goldfish, graham crackers, granola bars without chocolate, nuts, peanut butter crackers, popcorn, pretzels, raisins, Ritz bits, trail mix, veggies, yogurt, yogurt bars, yogurt covered raisins, and 100 Calorie Snack packs*. Please be mindful of any allergies our class may have.

Birthdays

You may send in a treat for all students from the approved snack list listed above. Invitations to parties are not allowed to be given at school unless all students receive one. If it is a “girl-only” party, then all the girls must be invited and the same is true for “all-boy” parties. Try to use other methods such as telephone or mail when only a select group of students are being invited.

Dress Code

Please make sure your child follows the elementary dress code guidelines. A dress code violation form will be sent home if your child is not in proper uniform dress.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to call or email your child’s teacher at any time.

Thank you!
3rd grade teachers

The mission of Christian Academy is to develop students with a heart for God who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man.