

Elementary Curriculum 2020-21


	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Chapel	Chapel is held weekly, providing worship music, ministry opportunities, student testimonies and sharing, interactive message and special speakers. Parents are welcome to attend.					
Bible ACSI-Purposeful Design K-5; daily devotions, prayer, memory verses and application	OT: God’s love and character; NT: Jesus as God’s son	OT: God’s relationship with us even as sinners; NT: Jesus allows a relationship with Him	OT: Qualities that honor God; NT: Jesus’ traits passed on to disciples sharing the gospel	NT: Early church history, Jesus as “I Am” and the work of the Holy Spirit; Luke 2 memorized	OT / NT: Qualities of God, and nature of man; inspiration of the Bible and the role of the Holy Spirit and prayer; proving the Bible as Truth	OT / NT: Key figures reveal choices and consequences; God’s faithful love and Christ’s sacrifice for us
Service Opportunities	Multiple age-appropriate ministry and service projects are conducted; some scheduled and some spontaneous to serve fellow students or communities in need. Each March is a special service month.					
Math	Go Math! K-5	Go Math! K-5	Go Math! K-5	Go Math! K-5	Go Math! K-5	Go Math! K-5
Science PLTW / STEM integration throughout K-5	Abeka God's Creation: Intro to science, observation and senses	BJU: Biological science (life), Physical science (materials), Earth/Space	BJU: Scientific thinking addressing life science, physical and earth science	BJU: Experiments and critical thinking explores fossils, rocks and minerals, animals, weather and plants	BJU: Processing and applying data forecasting, energy and motion, space, geology, erosion and human impact	BJU: Observation and scientific method applied to environment; solar system, matter, ecosystems and anatomy
Social Studies Integrated into each grade’s content are economic concepts and geography skills.	Nystrom Young Citizens: Family, communities, our world	Nystrom Young Citizens: Towns, states, and countries	Nystrom Young Citizens: Expanding knowledge of neighborhoods, cities, states, and the U.S.	Nystrom Young Citizens: How cities, states, and countries change	KY History: Statehood to present, local history, research skills	Nystrom Young Citizens: U.S. History 1600-present; political, economic, social issues
Spelling	Abeka; Phonemic awareness	Abeka; Phonemic awareness	Abeka; Phonemic awareness	BJU	BJU	BJU
Reading	Abeka phonics and phonemic awareness (K-1) and “Guided Reading” (1-5) -- a balanced literacy approach that assesses each child’s reading level and allows us to meet the individual and unique needs of each student					
English/ Grammar/ Writing	Abeka Letters and Sounds Letter recognition and sounds	Abeka Language Focus on capitalization, punctuation, and writing sentences	Abeka Language Focus on sentence structure, language development, and grammar	BJU English 3/4/5 Emphasis on traditional grammar, reference skills, and the writing process; writing multiple genres		
Handwriting	Zaner- Bloser	Zaner- Bloser	Zaner- Bloser	Zaner- Bloser Cursive	Cursive	Cursive
Technology	K begins two-hand approach to the keyboard. Throughout elementary, students use computers for internet safety, word processing, presentations, programming and robotics			Keyboarding Bootcamp is introduced	Problem-solving-based PLTW curriculum using mechanics, computer programming and robotics	
Music	Singing, playing, movement and basic music concepts	Singing, instruments, moving, listening, rhythm, durations and melody	Singing and instruments with music reading	Music reading, solo and group performance, rhythm and composers	New percussion instruments and recorder performances with new musical styles	Pitch, tempo, rounds, descants and harmony. Recorders, percussion, vocal ensembles and solos
Art	From basic design to “copying the masters,” students will use a variety of media each year with developmentally-appropriate instruction to facilitate creativity, problem solving and self-expression through drawing, sculpture and observation.					
Media Center/ Library Each year is focused on building a love for reading and life-lessons through books.	Develop a love for reading; learn fiction and non-fiction, introduce Caldecott Award books, reading centers, and Christian authors		Independent use of book sections and Destiny online catalog, introduction to research, reading centers, expand knowledge of Caldecott Award winners	Expanded genres of literature, research using different media including books, ebooks, and online resources, introduce Newbery Award winners and STEM makerspaces	Independent use of non-fiction, appreciation of all fiction genres and award-winning books, STEM makerspaces to include robotics, coding, engineering, digital citizenship, art and electricity, research using online resources and G Suite.	
Spanish EMC SymTalk	Stories, music and movement facilitate acquisition of Spanish in a developmentally age-appropriate and natural way. Students learn biblical truths in Spanish, as well as culture from Spanish speaking countries.					
Physical Education	Introduction to basic sports and activity skills	Ongoing development of physical awareness, locomotor and non-locomotor skills through the use of games, sports and special activities; participation confidence is developed with good fitness habits, sportsmanship, leadership and teamwork skills.				

All curriculum is biblically integrated with Biblical Worldview Standards

Special optional instruction may be offered on an occasional basis. These opportunities may be held before or after school. Previous topics have included Hebrew, missions, science, and music enrichment workshops.

Clubs and other activities include: Praise Team, Tech Team, Stage Crew and Chapel Praise Team; STEAM Club, Drama, Robotics Team, Rock Creek News, ACSI Selling Bee, Math, and Writing, and Music (ukulele, piano and band instruments).

Elementary intramural sports include **(K-5)** volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, **(1-4)** field hockey, **(2-5)** cross country, **(1-5)** football (LYFL)



Our Junior Academy (ages 2-4) is an interactive school environment, preparing our youngest students for a love for learning and love for God. Chapel, Bible stories, math, spelling, phonics, music and play time all direct students to an excitement for learning new things about God, their world and themselves.



CAL Rock Creek received the 2012 Department of Education’s Blue Ribbon of Excellence designation reflecting academic excellence.



All Christian Academy schools received ACSI’s (Association of Christian Schools International) first Exemplary Accreditation, awarded in 2016 to five of 23,000 Christian Schools worldwide for spiritual, academic and leadership excellence. We are also accredited by AdvancEd and the state of Kentucky.