

Elementary Curriculum 2021-2022

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Chapel	Chapel is held weekly, providing worship music, ministry opportunities, student testimonies and sharing, interactive messages and special speakers. Parents are welcome to attend.					
Bible ACSI-Purposeful Design K-4; 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	Three “The Case for...” books by Lee Strobel and Foundation Worldview curriculum
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	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; exploring the body, earth, energy and matter	BJU: Processing and applying data addressing weather, bones and muscles, electricity, life and motion	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 US	Nystrom Young Citizens: How cities, states, and countries change	Indiana History; 1700-1900; research skills	Nystrom Young Citizens: U.S. History to 1801, including geography, government, and economics
Spelling	Abeka; Phonemic awareness	Abeka; Phonemic awareness	Piloting differentiated spelling lists; 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, capitalization, and writing sentences	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	Zaner-Bloser Cursive	Cursive
Technology	Throughout elementary, students learn basic keyboarding skills and use computers for internet safety, word processing, presentations, and programming. Students encounter hands-on problem-solving-based curriculum using art, mechanics, computer programming and robotics.					
Music	Singing, playing, movement and basic music concepts	Singing, instruments, movement, listening, rhythm, durations and melody	Singing and instruments with reading music	Reading music, 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	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 Google Workspace for Education.	
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 grades use Indiana Academic Standards, and curriculum is biblically integrated with Biblical Worldview Standards.

Special optional instruction may be offered on an occasional basis. These classes may be held before or after school.

Clubs and other activities include the CAI Running Club, New Albany Track Club, Art Club, Hand Chime Choir, an Orff and Percussion Club, and theatre/drama/musical opportunities.

Elementary sports include athletic clinics for volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, and soccer. 5th graders can join middle school for tennis, soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, cheerleading, archery, softball, baseball, and track and field.



Our Junior Academy (ages 3-4) 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.