

TRINITY ACADEMY FIRST GRADE PROGRAM

All classes at Trinity Academy provide a hands-on, multi-sensory approach. Additionally, scripture and a biblical worldview are emphasized and drawn upon for each and every subject.

CORE SUBJECTS

daily instruction

BIBLE:

Resource: BJU Bible Truths

- Study Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Peter and Paul
- Study the following topics: God's promises, God's guidance, God's care, God's strength and the Bible
- Memorize, recite and apply Scripture
- Practice spiritual disciplines: Prayer, scripture memory and worship
- Attend weekly chapel

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS:

Resources: BJU Press English Language Arts and Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)

- Read accurately, fluently and with comprehension
- Increase their vocabulary
- Read a variety of genres
- Master phonics and phonemic awareness
- Write at least four simple sentences, applying grammar, punctuation and capitalization rules

SPELLING:

Resource: BJU Spelling

- Receive a new spelling list each week and be tested on it
- Master each of the spelling lists and be able to use the words in written work

SCIENCE:

Resource: BJU Science

- Use process skills, science tools and the scientific method
- Study *Earth Science*: Parts of the earth, seasons, weather, soil, the sun, moon and stars
- Study *Life Science*: Animals, plants, senses, health and safety
- Study *Physical Science*: Motion, energy and matter

MATH:

Resource: Saxon Math

- Through the use of manipulatives, daily worksheet and oral drills, demonstrate conceptual understanding and fluency of basic addition and subtraction facts to 10
- Identify parts of a whole, create number patterns, solve word problems, discern relationships between operations, differentiate among plane shapes and identify solid shapes
- Compare objects according to length, weight and capacity
- Learn to identify the hour using analog and digital clocks

HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES:

Resource: BJU Press Heritage Studies

- Study *American History*: Native Americans, Columbus, the New World, the settlements of Jamestown and Plymouth
- Study *Geography*: Map skills, cardinal directions, map key, the globe, continents and oceans
- Study *Government*: Community, state, national leaders, the U.S. capital, national symbols and monuments
- Study *Economics*: Needs versus wants, trading with the Native Americans, goods and services
- Study *Culture*: Changes in technology and transportation, families, family trees and diverse Native American cultures

HANDWRITING:

Resource: A Reason for Handwriting: Manuscript B

- Write with good penmanship
- Begin learning to write in cursive



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- Field trips
- Christmas program
- Spring program
- Service opportunities

SPECIALS

SPANISH: *(2x per week for 30 min.)*

Resource: Pasaporte al Español Kit A

- Be introduced to Spanish vocabulary, phrases and conversations

MUSIC: *(3x per week for 30 min.)*

- Read, sing and play simple rhythms using instruments
- Sing and play a variety of musical genres, including hymns and worship music
- Memorize selected songs for performance

LIBRARY: *(2x per week for 30 min.)*

- Learn library rules, layout and procedures
- Recognize biography, autobiography, mystery, fiction and nonfiction when read to them
- Understand and analyze characters of a story
- Learn to compare and contrast stories
- Understand the genre of poetry
- Participate in Accelerated Reading (AR)

TECHNOLOGY:

- Access technology as a tool
- Be trained in the use of that technology
- Introduce computer ethics from a Biblical perspective

ART: *(1x per week for 45 min.)*

- Learn to see God's creativity through art history
- Create an original artwork that communicates ideas about animals and a landscape
- Study the artist John James Audubon and create a torn-paper woodpecker
- Create an original artwork that communicates ideas about food

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: *(3x per week for 30 min.)*

- Learn space awareness and the basics of throwing and catching through games
- Learn the basics of Christ-like teamwork
- Play tag, volleyball, bean bags, soccer, goodminton and others