



Curriculum Guide Overview
Core Content Areas
PreK-8th Grade

PreK		
Subject	Overview	Resources
Bible	Bible in PreK covers the beginning foundations of knowing and learning about who God is, and what He has done for us. Students begin with the creation story and move through Jesus' birth, his ministry, and his death and resurrection. Students engage in learning how Christ's death and resurrection then impacts the way in which we live. For a PreK student, this looks like the way we love the Lord, the way we love others, and the ways we serve.	Positive Action for Christ: Exploring God's Love
Phonemic Awareness	A main focus of PreK phonemic awareness is the building of oral language. In addition to oral language development, they also target 8 phonemic awareness skills: rhyme, onset fluency, phoneme isolation, blending, segmenting, adding, deleting, and substituting. Students also work on mastery of letter naming and sound recognition.	Heggerty
Math	PreK Math focuses on building a foundation of number recognition, number sense, shape recognition, and patterns. Our PreK4 curriculum meets the Texas PreKindergarten Guidelines for Mathematics.	
Kindergarten		
Subject	Overview	Resources
Bible	The Kindergarten Bible curriculum is focused on teaching about God's love, power and goodness. This is accomplished by looking through some of the most foundational people and their stories throughout the Old Testament, along with an in depth study of Jesus' ministry and the stories told throughout the New Testament.	Positive Action for Christ: Learning About God
English Language Arts and Reading	Kindergarten ELAR skills are built in both whole group and small group settings, with a primary focus of building phonological and phonemic awareness. Some of the foundational skills and curriculum include consonants, short vowels, digraphs, blends, and rhyme patterns. Kindergarten writing skills are developed by learning proper letter formation, fine motor development, and meeting kindergarten Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills grammar and writing standards.	Heggerty, various TEKS aligned ELAR resources
Math	Kindergarten math builds on students curiosity about patterns to explore numbers, shapes, and relationships between them. Building a strong foundation of number sense and higher order thinking skills is a critical focus throughout kindergarten and primary grades. Each lesson weaves new content with practice of content introduced in earlier lessons with the use of manipulatives, daily routines, and open responses. The curriculum aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for kindergarten.	Everyday Mathematics, various TEKS aligned math resources
1st Grade		
Subject	Overview	Resources
Bible	Students in first grade learn about how all good gifts come from the Father. It's through these good gifts that the Lord reveals himself to us and the depth of his love for us. First graders move through Scripture learning of all the different blessings the Lord has provided with the ultimate gift being his Son, Jesus. Their study through Scripture explores the blessings in creation, the blessings the Israelites experienced, and the blessings that came through God sending Jesus to earth to give the ultimate gift of eternal life.	Positive Action for Christ: Enjoying God's Gifts
English Language Arts and Reading	First grade ELAR skills are built in both whole group and small group settings, with a primary focus on continuing to build a strong foundation of phonological and phonemic awareness. First graders continue to develop their writing skills through continuing to develop proper handwriting, as well as meeting the first grade Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills grammar and writing standards.	Heggerty, various TEKS aligned ELAR Resources
Math	First grade math develops students ability to recognize, analyze, and generalize patterns, represent quantities and relationships symbolically, model problem situations using objects, pictures, words, and symbols, and understand real-world relationships. Building a strong foundation of number sense and higher order thinking skills to build problem solving is a critical focus throughout first grade. Each lesson weaves new content with practice of content introduced in earlier lessons with the use of manipulatives, daily routines, and open responses. The curriculum aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for first grade.	TEKS aligned math resources
2nd Grade		
Subject	Overview	Resources
Bible	Bible in 2nd grade focuses on the promises of God. They specifically study how God's promises guided the Israelites in their journey through the desert all the way to Canaan. Students learn about how God provided for the Israelite people even amongst tumultuous and sinful times. God's promises are good, and no one can stop them from coming to fruition.	Positive Action for Christ: Finding God's Promises
English Language Arts and Reading	Second grade ELAR skills are built in both whole group and small group settings, with a primary focus on continuing to build a strong foundation of phonological and phonemic awareness. Second graders continue to develop their writing skills through continuing to focus on proper handwriting technique, as well as meeting the second grade Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills grammar and writing standards.	Heggerty, various TEKS aligned ELAR Resources
Math	Second grade math develops students ability to recognize, analyze, and generalize patterns, represent quantities and relationships symbolically, model problem situations using objects, pictures, words, and symbols, and understand real-world relationships. Second grade students work with symbolic representations for quantities and relationships, model simple situations, and build arithmetic skills. The curriculum aligns with second grade Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.	TEKS aligned math resources
3rd Grade		
Subject	Overview	Resources
Bible	In third grade, students study some of the most poignant figures of the Old Testament. In this study of Joseph, Abraham, Ruth, Jacob and Esau, and Daniel, students discuss and learn about how God shapes and nurtures our character and heart. Often times, he uses less than ideal circumstances, people, and even wrong-doing to help us grow in our faith, grace, and mercy.	Positive Action for Christ: Growing with God

		English Language Arts and Reading	Third grade students delve into a rigorous ELAR curriculum that engages them in high levels of discourse, critical thinking, and writing. Each module utilizes core texts to deepen students' content knowledge and reach the focusing objective. Students deeply study topics such as the sea and space engaging in multiple learning protocols where they interact with one another and informational texts allowing them to engage at higher levels of learning and thinking. Third grade integrates science and social studies into the ELAR curriculum by learning more deeply through discussion, reading for connection and knowledge building, and through writing. Third grade writing and grammar Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills are met throughout each module.	Wit & Wisdom with Core Texts: <i>The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau, Giant Squid: Searching for a Sea Monster, Shark Attack!, Ocean Sunlight: How Tiny Plants Feed the Seas, Amos and Boris, Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11, One Giant Leap, Zathura.</i>		
		Math	Third grade math develops students ability to recognize, analyze, and generalize patterns, represent quantities and relationships symbolically, model problem situations using objects, pictures, words, and symbols, and understand real-world relationships. Third grade students continue to deepen their understanding of symbolic representations for quantities and relationships, model simple situations, and build arithmetic skills. Third grade math aims to facilitate collaborative thinking in order to engage in learning at a deeper level. The curriculum aligns with third grade Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.	TEKS aligned math resources		
4th Grade						
		Subject	Overview	Resources		
		Bible	Understanding that research shows children between the ages of 8-12 really begin to question if God is real, our 4th graders delve into learning "how to think, not just what to think" in terms of the realness of God and owning their faith. Students utilize J. Warner Wallace's book <i>Cold Case Christianity</i> to "build a case" with true evidence and facts supporting the reliability and realness of the New Testament and realness of Jesus' life and ministry.	<i>Cold Case Christianity for Kids</i>		
		English Language Arts and Reading	Fourth grade students delve into a rigorous ELAR curriculum that engages them in high levels of discourse, critical thinking, and writing. The curriculum has a rich foundation of fourth grade science and social studies content. This overlap of science and social studies content within ELAR deepens students knowledge and understanding. Core texts are used throughout the module in order to reach the focusing objective. Students study topics such as the heart and extreme settings, engaging in multiple learning protocols where they interact with famous works of art, classic novels, and each other in ways that engage them in higher levels of learning and thinking. Fourth grade writing and grammar Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills are taught and met throughout each modules writing tasks.	Wit & Wisdom with Core Texts: <i>Love That Dog, The Circulatory Story, Hatchet, Mountains, SAS Survival Handbook: The Ultimate Guide to Surviving Anywhere</i>		
		Math	Fourth grade math develops students ability to problem solve, recognize, analyze, and generalize patterns, represent quantities and relationships symbolically, model problem situations using objects, pictures, words, and symbols, and understand real-world relationships. Fourth grade math aims to facilitate collaborative thinking and problem solving in order to engage in real world learning. The curriculum aligns with fourth grade Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.	Everyday Mathematics, various TEKS aligned math resources		
5th Grade						
		Subject	Overview	Resources		
		Bible	Fifth Grade Bible curriculum aims to connect students' head knowledge of Jesus and Scripture to understanding what it means to actively walk with the Lord and grow their faith. Students move through topical studies such as the armor of God, what it means to be an image bearer, being uniquely created, identity, and other topics that help to equip and prepare them for common hardships believers walk through in life.	ESV Study Bible, variety of connective texts		
		English Language Arts and Reading	Fifth grade students delve into a rigorous ELAR curriculum that engages them in high levels of discourse, critical thinking, and writing. The curriculum has a rich foundation of fifth grade science and social studies content. This overlap of science and social studies content within ELAR deepens students knowledge and understanding. Core texts are used throughout the module in order to reach the focusing objective. Students study topics such as cultures in conflict and word play, engaging in multiple learning protocols where they interact with famous works of art, classic novels, and each other in ways that engage them in higher levels of learning and thinking. Fifth grade writing and grammar Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills are taught and met throughout each modules writing tasks.	Wit & Wisdom with Core Texts: <i>Thunder Rolling in the Mountains, The Phantom Tollbooth</i>		
		Math	Fifth grade math focuses on symbolic representations to model problem situations, builds their understanding of fundamental relations such as direct proportion, and masters elementary arithmetic concepts and skills. Fifth grade math facilitates collaborative thinking and problem solving in order to engage in real world learning. The fifth grade math curriculum aligns with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.	<i>Maneuvering the Middle</i> , various TEKS aligned math resources		
6th Grade						
		Subject	Overview	Resources		
		Bible	Bible 6 focuses on the formation of the identity of Christ Followers. Students study how God moved in His people throughout Scripture and examine how the early church responded to Him. Throughout this study, it provides a foundation for students to understand more deeply what it means to follow Christ and be rooted in Him. By the end of the course, students are equipped to defend what they believe and how to live in a way that has an eternal Kingdom impact.	<i>ESV Study Bible</i>		
		English Language Arts and Reading	English 6 incorporates grammar into writing, beginning with an intensive review of parts of speech, usage, and mechanics. Course topics include: writing for a purpose; descriptive, persuasive, analytical, and informative writing; the steps of the writing process; peer and teacher evaluation to revise writing; strategies to improve reading rate, fluency, word meaning, and comprehension; summarizing, making inferences and generalizations, determining main ideas, using context clues, making predictions, and setting a purpose before reading; vocabulary development; and identifying literary elements in texts. Skills are practiced in a variety of genres, including short stories, poems, novels, plays, and non-fiction text.	Springboard, Progeny Press, and iXL.		
		Math	Math 6 emphasizes using ratios to describe proportional relationships involving integers; geometry, measurement, probability, and adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals and fractions; representing and using whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and integers in a variety of equivalent forms; using letters as variables in mathematical expressions and to represent unknowns; describing angles, polygons, and circles using geometric vocabulary; identifying the location of two dimensions in coordinate geometry; using experimental and theoretical probability to make predictions; analyzing data using statistical representation; solving multi-step problems; communicating about mathematics through informal mathematical language; and using logical reasoning to make conjectures and verify conclusions.	<i>Maneuvering the Middle</i> ; iXL		
7th Grade						
		Subject	Overview	Resources		
		Bible	Bible 7 is a study of the life of Christ. Throughout this course, students study who Christ is throughout the Gospels. They take a deep dive into the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as they study the New Testament. Students also examine prophecies throughout the New Testament and how Christ's ministry fits into God's story of redemption. By the end of the course, students should have a deep understanding of who Jesus is, what it means to have a relationship with Him, and how knowing Jesus changes everything.	<i>ESV Study Bible; The Chosen</i>		

		English Language Arts and Reading	English 7 features the study and discussion of a variety of literary works, encompassing a vast collection of classic and contemporary texts. Through the lens of the Biblical worldview, students are challenged to apply literary works to their own life stories. Additional focus is given to written composition, grammatical concepts related to sentence structure, usage and mechanics, spelling and vocabulary enrichment, and the writing of formal, academic essays, emphasizing thesis statements, sentence structure and organization, topic sentences, and supporting details.	Springboard, Progeny Press, and iXL.		
		Math	Math 7 seeks to prepare students for success with Pre-Algebra course concepts. Course work centers on integers and algebra concepts; the Pythagorean Theorem; proportions, similarity, percent; analyzing geometric concepts involving symmetry; the coordinate plane, area, and volume; solving equations and inequalities; slope of lines; mean, median, mode, and range; and use of experimental and theoretical probability to craft predictions based on data. Math 7 Advanced **Students in this course have qualified by meeting performance measures in several areas. Students who have met the criteria will be offered an invitation to take this class. Their progress will be monitored to ensure appropriate placement and a successful math path at Fort Worth Christian School. Students who qualify for Math 7 Advanced in seventh grade demonstrate readiness for a faster pace of math instruction, including a compacted and in-depth study of pre-algebraic strategies. Concepts to be mastered during the class include solving two-step equations, factoring monomials, using proportions to solve real-world problems, and solving real-life problems involving discount and interest. Additionally, students will graph linear equations and write the equation of a line in the y-intercept form. Students will also use geometric thinking in order to find the missing root of a triangle, use the distance formula to determine lengths on a coordinate plane as well as calculate the area, perimeter and/or circumference, surface area, and volume of appropriate geometric figures. 6th Grade Requirements to be accepted into Math 7 Advanced: Final Grade Average - 90+, MAP Math Score - 230+, Pre-Algebra Readiness Assessment - 15/30, Teacher recommendation	<i>Maneuvering the Middle</i> ; iXL		
8th Grade						
		Subject	Overview	Resources		
		Bible	Bible 8 is a richly filled apologetics course. Apologetics is designed for students to deepen their faith by understanding the evidence to support their beliefs. The course begins with a focus on logic and reasoning in order to think and speak confidently about their faith. Students then move into a study of the evidence of God, the Bible, Jesus, and His resurrection, further connecting these evidences to support their faith. Students also study and discuss current events and issues as they grapple with how to view conflicting beliefs and views through a lens of Scripture and God's story. Throughout this study, students learn how to respond to hardships and a broken and unbelieving world in a way that is firm in their faith, shares their faith, and grows in their faith.	Geisler, N. & Turek, F. (2004). <i>I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist</i> . Selections from C. S. Lewis, including <i>Mere Christianity, The Last Battle, and The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> ; <i>ESV Study Bible</i> .		
		English Language Arts and Reading	English 8 concentrates on analytical writing with an emphasis on developing structure in formal, academic writing. Students apply grammar rules and components, as well as expand sentences to create more complex sentences with diverse structure. Through Socratic seminars and a variety of literary genres, such as contemporary, historical, and classical fiction, as well as nonfiction, students engage with texts and write for a variety of audiences and purposes, continuously being challenged to seek truth through the lens of the Biblical worldview and to understand how these truths can be applied to their own life stories.	Springboard, Progeny Press, and iXL.		
		Math	<i>Grade 8 students have the option to enroll in one of the following math courses. Eligibility requirements apply for students seeking admission into Algebra I for the eighth grade year.</i> Pre-Algebra (Grade 8) seeks to prepare students with foundations for Algebra I. Course concepts include: solving two-step equations, factoring monomials, using proportions to solve real-world problems, and solving real-life problems involving discount and interest. Additionally, students graph linear equations, write the equation of a line in the slope-intercept form, find the missing root of a triangle, use the distance formula to determine lengths on a coordinate plane, and calculate the area, perimeter and/or circumference, surface area, and volume of appropriate geometric figures. Algebra I (Grade 8) students continue to build and apply basic skills and concepts developed in the K-7 curriculum, develop symbolic reasoning, and learn to demonstrate a fuller understanding of the concepts behind the skills. Students will learn the skills required to manipulate symbols in order to solve problems and use the necessary algebraic skills required to simplify algebraic expressions and solve equations and inequalities in problem situations. Students will formulate equations, inequalities, and systems of equations and inequalities as they explore linear, quadratic, and exponential functions. Students will employ a variety of methods to solve these functions and apply their properties, including graphing the solutions and factoring their simplified forms. Note: This is an Upper School course, and beginning with the Class of 2028, the final grade will be averaged into a student's Upper School Grade Point Average. *Pre-Algebra Requirements to be admitted to Algebra I: Final Grade Average: 87 and above; MAP Math Score: 235 and above; Algebra Readiness Assessment: 15/30	Pearson; <i>Maneuvering the Middle</i> ; iXL		