

Good Shepherd Christian Academy

4th Grade

Course of Study

Language Arts

Text: A Beka Book * Spelling, Vocabulary & Poetry

Content: Contains 34 spelling lists. Some words on each list are words that are often misspelled, words from everyday life, and words that students are studying in other classes. Every list includes an activity that aids students in building spelling/vocabulary skills.

Social Studies

Text: A Beka Book * The History of Our United States

A Beka Book * Map Study Skills

A Beka Book * My State Notebook

Content: Student explore a realistic view of history, government, and geography, based upon the foundational truths of the Scriptures. This curriculum provides a truthful portrayal of peoples, lands, religions, ideals, heroes, triumphs, and setbacks. In short, *A Beka Book* offers a Christian and conservative approach to the study of what man has done with the time God has given.

- Map Study
- State History Project
- Important US documents
- The Years of Discovery
- The Years of Conquest
- The First Americans
- The English Come to America
- The New England Colonies
- The Middle and Southern Colonies
- A picture of Colonial Life
- The Great Awakening
- The French and Indian War
- The American War for Independence
- Building a New Nation
- Our Nation Grows
- The Civil War
- New Frontiers
- An Age of Progress
- Beyond Our Boundaries
- The World Wars
- Time for Freedom and Responsibility

Reading

Text: BJU Press – I Met You in a Story

Content: Students explore stories around six character themes. It includes classic literature excerpts, character-building stories, and activities that build research and literary skills.

Word Recognition

• Syllable division; accented syllables; primary/secondary accents; base words/prefixes/ suffixes; schwa syllables; shift in accent; optional remedial phonics

Comprehension

- Literal, interpretive, critical, appreciative levels; biblical truth; cause and effect
- Classify; sequence events; draw conclusions; predict outcomes
- Fact/opinion; comparatives/ superlatives; main idea; relevant/ irrelevant information
- Place/size/time relationships; dialect; discernment; sense of history

Literature

- Setting; plot; conflict; crisis; flashback; main character; character growth and change; point of view; foreshadowing; moral; personification; good/evil elements
- Distinguishing genres; mood; haiku; simile; metaphor; hyperbole; idiom; onomatopoeia; imagery; rhymes
- Exaggeration; suspense

Vocabulary

- Meaning from context; prefixes; suffixes; Greek and Latin roots; synonyms; antonyms; analogies; multiple meanings

Study Skills

- Bible study; card catalog; Dewey decimal system; encyclopedia; key word; cross-references; glossary; types of dictionaries; charts; graphs; maps; timeline; captions; headlines; subtitles; outlining; PQ3R study method; skimming; scanning; paraphrasing; schedules; diagrams

Silent Reading

- Purposes: for information, for entertainment, for understanding, for spiritual growth; author's message; biblical truth

Oral Reading

- Communicate author's message; communicate mood and motive; convey emotion; portray character; convey meaning of Scripture; voice inflection; volume and pacing

Composition

- Metaphor; simile; limerick; caption; dialog

Math

Text: Macmillan/McGraw Hill – Volumes 1 & 2

Content: This math curriculum is designed to build the students' understanding by actively engaging in tasks and experiences that deepen and connect their knowledge. Learning with understanding are further enhanced by classroom interactions, as students propose mathematical ideas and conjectures, learn to evaluate their own thinking and that of others, and develop mathematical reasoning skills. The scope and sequence is as follows:

Unit 1: Place Value and Number Sense; Numbers and Money

Unit 2: Addition; Subtraction

Unit 3: Time and Data; Graphs

Unit 4: Multiplication Facts; Division Facts

Unit 5: Multiply by 1-digit Numbers;

Multiplication and Functions

Unit 6: Multiply by 2-digit Numbers; Multiply

Greater Numbers

Unit 7: Divide by 1-digit Numbers; Divide

Greater Numbers

Unit 8: Divide by 2-digit Numbers; Quotients and Order of Operations

Unit 9: Measurement – Customary Units;

Measurement – Metric Units

Unit 10: Space and Plane Figures; Geometry

Unit 11: Fractions; Probability

Unit 12: Add Fractions; Subtract Fractions

Unit 13: Relate Fractions and Decimals; Use

Decimals

Unit 14: Add Decimals; Subtract Decimals

Science

Text: Systems (Purposeful Design) – Science Level Four (ACSI)

Content: The name Purposeful Design relates to the creative work of God. Every chapter in this series weaves together the wonders of the created world and a biblical worldview. Young people have a natural God-given inquisitiveness and curiosity about the world and its workings. Purposeful Design Science capitalizes on that curiosity as it engages students in investigating, observing, and thinking about the world around them. The scope and sequence of Purposeful Design Science incorporates the National Science Education Standards (NSES) for K-4 in the following four units:

Life Science: Stability

- Design of Life
- Order of Life
- Diversity of Life
- System of Life

Physical Science: Energy

- Energy and Heat
- Light and Sound
- Motion and Force
- Matter and Its Uses

Earth and Space Science: Balance

- The Lithosphere
- The Hydrosphere
- The Atmosphere
- The Universe

Human Body: Wellness

- Body Systems I (Blood)
- Body Systems II (Digestive, Respiratory, Urinary Systems)

Bible

Text: Positive Action Bible Curriculum – Building Life Castles

Content: Our lives are like a castle that is being built into a strong and beautiful edifice. This concept is presented as the students study the New Testament, focusing on the life of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the life and writings of the Apostle Paul.

Curriculum Distinctives

- Places a strong emphasis on character development.
- Focuses on life changes, not just head knowledge.
- Recognizes the various levels of thinking skills.
- Surveys all major sections of Scripture.
- Includes a parent-assisted Scripture memory program.
- Integrates a complete sacred music curriculum, including.
- Stories behind the great hymns of the faith.
- Fun to sing children's choruses.
- Cassette tapes of music curriculum for classroom use.

Curriculum Objectives

- Children will learn that they can find the answers to life's problems in the Word of God.
- Thinking skills are used to focus attention on knowledge, comprehension, discernment, application, analysis, and evaluation.
- An understanding of biblical vocabulary is built through the introduction, definition, and use of key biblical terms.
- An understanding of the land of Israel is gained through map work and related skills.
- All lessons ultimately focus on the development of internal character.

Other Courses

- Foreign Language: Spanish or Arabic
- Computers
- PE
- Music
- Art
- Chapel