



Lower School Curriculum Grid

2024–25
Grade Level: Sr. K

Grade Level	Sr. K
Language Arts	<i>Into Reading, 95 Phonics and Spelling,</i> and <i>Literacy Work Stations</i> are used in combination to teach targeted comprehension strategies (characters, sequence, categorizing/classifying, comparing/contrasting, main idea, plot, setting, realism/fantasy, drawing conclusions, and cause/effect), phonics, decoding strategies, high frequency words, sight words, listening skills, writing skills, penmanship, vocabulary, and fluency.
Math	<i>Math Expressions</i> provides a hands-on problem solving approach focusing on comparing and ordering numbers, adding whole numbers, decomposing numbers, using place-value models, missing addends, real-world problems, subtracting whole numbers, comparing lengths, mass and weight, classifying and counting objects, composing and decomposing shapes, identifying and describing shapes, attributes of two- and three-dimensional shapes, sorting shapes, and modeling, reading, and writing whole numbers.
Science	Science is taught through the <i>Science Dimensions</i> comprehensive curriculum. Concepts are presented using engaging physical and digital resources with a strong emphasis on hands-on learning, design process, and engineering. Lessons and labs are designed to spark children's interest in the world God created and immerse them in learning about His wondrous creations. Concepts taught in SK include introduction to types of engineering, motion, needs of plants and animals, the sun and being safe in the sun, measuring weather and weather patterns, and conserving natural resources.
Social Studies	Children learn about our country, our world, cultures, and society through fun, interactive social studies experiences. <i>My World Social Studies</i> provides print and digital resources for units of instruction including citizenship, rights and responsibilities, government, symbols of our country, wants and needs, goods and services, spending and saving, map skills, landforms, caring for our environment, cultures, families, American heroes, and technology then and now. Children learn about current events using <i>Scholastic News</i> . These classroom magazines engage students in critical thinking activities about what is going on in the world.
Bible	Children experience daily instruction in God's word. Kindergarteners learn about God through the lives of major characters throughout the Bible. <i>The Positive Action Bible Curriculum</i> provides fun activities designed to reinforce lessons that help students comprehend and apply Biblical truths. Children will hear age-appropriate Bible stories and songs, participate in Bible-centered learning activities and projects, attend and participate in biweekly chapel programs, and memorize Bible verses.
Foreign Language	Children participate in fun and engaging biweekly Spanish classes that feature books, songs, games, and other immersive activities. Lessons introduce children to the beginning constructs of the language. Concepts include calendar vocabulary, numbers and counting, money, patterns, telephone numbers, verbs, opposites, colors, animals, forming phrases and questions, and reading simple Spanish stories.
Fine Arts	Weekly performing arts classes provide children with opportunities to explore their interests in music, drama, public speaking, and movement. Concepts and skills include acting, voice projection, dramatic reading, interpretive movement, music appreciation, music theory, and playing a variety of musical instruments. Children participate in weekly visual arts lessons to encourage creativity and appreciation for the variety of art in the world. Concepts and skills include patterns, elements of art, drawing common objects, experimenting with color, and famous works of art.
Library & Technology	Visits to the library provide children with exciting opportunities to experience fun literacy activities and check out books. Technology is integrated throughout the children's day. Each classroom is equipped with student iPads. A minimum ratio of one iPad for every three students is maintained in each classroom. Technology is also used in the presentation of materials. Interactive whiteboards make learning fun. The computer lab gives children the opportunity to complete challenging technology-based projects.
Physical Fitness	Students learn about making healthy choices and maintaining an active lifestyle in daily physical fitness classes. Sportsmanship, movement skills, and cardiovascular exercise are taught using a variety of engaging learning experiences. Concepts taught include skipping, jumping and landing, throwing underhand, dribbling a ball with one hand, exercise, and heart health.



Lower School Curriculum Grid

2024–25
Grade Level: 1st

Grade Level	First Grade
Language Arts	<i>Into Reading, 95 Phonics and Spelling, and The Daily 5</i> are used in combination to teach print awareness, phonological awareness, phonics, decoding, word recognition, vocabulary and concept development, reading comprehension, spelling, writing, penmanship, and literary analysis, response, and appreciation. <i>Accelerated Reader</i> is used to promote reading comprehension and to motivate students to read. Writing and grammar are taught as a part of the language arts curriculum. Students will learn parts of speech, word usage, and sentence and paragraph forms.
Math	<i>Math Expressions</i> consolidates concepts to provide children with an in-depth understanding of mathematics. The concrete-to-abstract development model is used to promote critical thinking and enable children to solve problems. Skills include counting by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s to 100, creating math story problems, comparing length, weight, and mass, telling time, solving real-world math problems, adding and subtracting two-digit numbers without regrouping, cardinal and ordinal numbers, and mental math strategies.
Science	Science is taught through the <i>Science Dimensions</i> comprehensive curriculum. Concepts are presented using engaging physical and digital resources with a strong emphasis on hands-on learning, design process, and engineering. Lessons and labs are designed to spark children's interest in the world God created and immerse them in learning about His wondrous creations. Concepts taught in 1st grade include using engineering and technology to solve problems, sound and communicating with sound, properties of light, plant and animal parts and their functions, heredity in plants and animals, and objects in the sky.
Social Studies	Children learn about our country, our world, cultures, and society through fun, interactive social studies experiences. <i>My World Social Studies</i> provides print and digital resources for units of instruction including rules and laws, our leaders, producing and consuming goods, service workers and their jobs, making choices about money, our Earth, American traditions, life then and now, the first Americans, and America's early settlers. Children learn about current events using <i>Scholastic News</i> . These classroom magazines engage students in critical thinking activities about what is going on in the world.
Bible	Children experience daily instruction in God's word with a focus on enjoying God's gifts, including the ultimate gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. This study includes many examples of God's care. <i>The Positive Action Bible Curriculum</i> provides fun activities designed to reinforce lessons that help students comprehend and apply Biblical truths. Children will hear Bible stories and songs, participate in Bible-centered learning activities and projects, attend and participate in biweekly chapel programs, and memorize Bible verses.
Foreign Language	Children participate in fun and engaging biweekly Spanish classes that feature books, songs, games, and other immersive activities. Lessons introduce children to the beginning constructs of the language. Concepts include calendar vocabulary, numbers and counting, money, patterns, telephone numbers, verbs, opposites, colors, animals, forming phrases and questions, and reading simple Spanish books.
Fine Arts	Weekly performing arts classes provide children with opportunities to explore their interests in music, drama, public speaking, and movement. Concepts and skills include acting, voice projection, dramatic reading, interpretive movement, music appreciation, music theory, and playing a variety of musical instruments. Children participate in weekly visual arts lessons to encourage creativity and appreciation for the variety of art in the world. Concepts include clay and slab construction, overhead perspective, origami, and self-portraits.
Library & Technology	Visits to the library provide children with exciting opportunities to experience fun literacy activities and check out books. Technology is integrated throughout the children's day. Each classroom is equipped with student iPads. A minimum ratio of one iPad for every three students is maintained in each classroom. Technology is also used in the presentation of materials, and interactive whiteboards make learning fun. The computer lab gives children the opportunity to complete challenging technology-based projects.
Physical Fitness	Students learn about making healthy choices and maintaining an active lifestyle in daily physical fitness classes. Sportsmanship, movement skills, and cardiovascular exercise are taught using a variety of engaging learning experiences. Concepts taught include throwing underhand and catching balls of varying sizes, dribbling continuously, jumping rope forward and backward, and the benefits of being active.



Lower School Curriculum Grid

2024–25
Grade Level: 2nd

Grade Level	Second Grade
Language Arts	<i>Into Reading, 95 Phonics and Spelling, and The Daily 5</i> are used in combination to teach phonics, decoding, and word recognition, vocabulary and concept development, reading comprehension, spelling, writing, penmanship, listening and speaking, and literary analysis, response, and appreciation. <i>Accelerated Reader</i> is used to promote reading comprehension and to motivate students to read. Writing and grammar are taught as a part of the language arts curriculum. Students will learn parts of speech, word usage, and sentence and paragraph forms.
Math	<i>Math Expressions</i> consolidates concepts to provide children with an in-depth understanding of mathematics. The concrete-to-abstract development model is used to promote critical thinking and enable children to solve problems. Skills include addition and subtraction with regrouping, multiplication and division, adding and subtracting like fractions, rounding, estimation, linear measurements, mass and volume, elapsed time, and picture graphs and double bar graphs.
Science	Science is taught through the <i>Science Dimensions</i> comprehensive curriculum. Concepts are presented using engaging physical and digital resources with a strong emphasis on hands-on learning, design process, and engineering. Lessons and labs are designed to spark children's interest in the world God created and immerse them in learning about His wondrous creations. Concepts taught in 2nd grade include using design process to create design solutions, properties of matter, changes in matter, the Earth and its water, and changes on Earth.
Social Studies	Children learn about our country, our world, cultures, and society through fun, interactive social studies experiences. <i>My World Social Studies</i> provides print and digital resources for units of instruction including types of communities, using the Earth's resources, interacting with the environment, early communities, our democracy, branches of government, exchanging goods and services, many different jobs, culture through the arts, and our nation's diversity. Children learn about current events using <i>Scholastic News</i> . These classroom magazines engage students in critical thinking activities about what is going on in the world.
Bible	Children experience daily instruction in God's word with a focus on finding God's promises. Students study the life of Moses through the Book of Exodus. <i>The Positive Action Bible Curriculum</i> provides fun activities designed to reinforce lessons that help students comprehend and apply Biblical truths. Children will hear Bible stories and songs, participate in Bible-centered learning activities and projects, attend and participate in biweekly chapel programs, and memorize Bible verses.
Foreign Language	Children participate in fun and engaging biweekly Spanish classes that feature books, songs, games, and other immersive activities. Lessons introduce children to the beginning constructs of the language. Concepts include calendar vocabulary, numbers and counting, money, patterns, telephone numbers, verbs, opposites, colors, animals, forming phrases and questions, and reading simple Spanish books.
Fine Arts	Weekly performing arts classes provide children with opportunities to explore their interests in music, drama, public speaking, and movement. Concepts and skills include acting, voice projection, dramatic reading, interpretive movement, music appreciation, music theory, and playing a variety of musical instruments. Children participate in weekly visual arts lessons to encourage creativity and appreciation for the variety of art in the world. Concepts include patterns in compositions, printmaking, graphic design, collages, and art history.
Library & Technology	Visits to the library provide children with exciting opportunities to experience fun literacy activities and check out books. Technology is integrated throughout the children's day. Each classroom is equipped with student iPads. A minimum ratio of one iPad for every three students is maintained in each classroom. Technology is also used in the presentation of materials, and interactive whiteboards make learning fun. The computer lab gives children the opportunity to complete challenging technology-based projects.
Physical Fitness	Students learn about making healthy choices and maintaining an active lifestyle in daily physical fitness classes. Sportsmanship, movement skills, and cardiovascular exercise are taught using a variety of engaging learning experiences. Concepts taught include jogging and sprinting, throwing overhand, dribbling and walking, kicking while running, and good health balance.



Lower School Curriculum Grid

2024–25
Grade Level: 3rd

Grade Level	Third Grade
Language Arts	<i>Into Reading</i> and <i>The Daily 5</i> are used in combination to teach phonics, decoding, and word recognition, vocabulary and concept development, reading comprehension, spelling, writing, literary analysis, response, and appreciation, penmanship, listening and speaking, and research and study skills. <i>Accelerated Reader</i> is used to promote reading comprehension and to motivate students to read. Writing and grammar are taught using <i>Grammar Workshop</i> . Students learn about types of sentences, proofreading, common and proper nouns, singular, plural, and possessive nouns, verb tenses, comparing with adverbs, pronoun-verb agreement, contractions with pronouns, capitalization rules, spelling rules, and parts of a letter.
Math	<i>Math Expressions</i> consolidates concepts to provide children with an in-depth understanding of mathematics. The concrete-to-abstract development model is used to promote critical thinking and enable children to solve problems. Skills include writing and solving inequalities, adding and subtracting like fractions, one- and two-step multiplication and division, perpendicular and parallel lines, transformations, converting metric units of capacity, solving real-world problems, and calculating area.
Science	Science is taught through the <i>Science Dimensions</i> comprehensive curriculum. Concepts are presented using engaging physical and digital resources with a strong emphasis on hands-on learning, design process, and engineering. Lessons and labs are designed to spark children's interest in the world God created and immerse them in learning about His wondrous creations. Concepts taught in 3rd grade include engineering design process to define problems, design solutions, and test to improve solutions, force and types of force, patterns of motion, plant and animal life cycles and traits, animals and their environments, fossils, and weather predictions and climates.
Social Studies	Children learn about our country, our world, cultures, and society through fun, interactive social studies experiences. <i>My World Social Studies</i> provides print and digital resources for units of instruction including lands and regions in the U.S.: the northeast, the southeast, the midwest, and the west, America and Europe, growth and civil war, the United States becomes a world power, how our government works, our economy, and a global economy. Children learn about current events using <i>Scholastic News</i> . These classroom magazines engage students in critical thinking activities about what is going on in the world.
Bible	Children experience daily instruction in God's word with a focus on growing with God. Third graders learn that the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Daniel can teach us much about the rewards of living for God. <i>The Positive Action Bible Curriculum</i> provides fun activities designed to reinforce lessons that help students comprehend and apply Biblical truths. Topics include application for Christian living, Bible stories and songs, Bible-centered learning activities, biweekly chapel programs, and Bible memory verses.
Foreign Language	Children participate in fun and engaging weekly Spanish classes that feature books, songs, games, and other immersive activities. Lessons introduce children to the beginning constructs of the language. Concepts include literature in Spanish, key vocabulary, telling time, families, food and manners, transportation, maps and directions, home and community, holidays, people and culture, traditions, history, and geography.
Fine Arts	Weekly performing arts classes provide children with opportunities to explore their interests in music, drama, public speaking, and movement. Concepts and skills include acting, voice projection, dramatic reading, interpretive movement, music appreciation, music theory, and playing a variety of musical instruments. Children participate in weekly visual arts lessons to encourage creativity and appreciation for the variety of art in the world. Concepts include quilt making, coiling clay pots, 3-D artwork, multimedia, and drawing from observation.
Library & Technology	Visits to the library provide children with exciting opportunities to experience fun literacy activities and check out books. Each classroom is equipped with student iPads. A minimum ratio of one iPad for every three students is maintained in each classroom. Technology is also used in the presentation of materials. Interactive whiteboards make learning fun. The computer lab gives children the opportunity to complete challenging technology-based projects.
Physical Fitness	Students learn about making healthy choices and maintaining an active lifestyle in biweekly physical fitness classes. Sportsmanship, movement skills, and cardiovascular exercise are taught using a variety of engaging learning experiences. Concepts taught include sprinting and running, jump-roping skills, sport-specific skills, and benefits of being healthy.



Lower School Curriculum Grid

2024–25
Grade Level: 4th

Grade Level	Fourth Grade
Language Arts	<i>Into Reading</i> and <i>The Daily 5</i> are used in combination to teach phonics, decoding, and word recognition, reading comprehension, spelling, writing, penmanship, listening and speaking, and research and study skills. <i>Accelerated Reader</i> is used to promote reading comprehension and to motivate students to read. Writing and grammar are taught using <i>Grammar Workshop</i> . Students learn about compound and complex sentences, correcting sentence fragments and run-on sentences, common, proper, singular, plural, possessive, and irregular nouns, progressive verb forms, helping verbs, irregular verbs, demonstrative adjectives, comparing with adjectives and adverbs, prepositions and prepositional phrases, relative pronouns, object pronouns, and correct comma usage. <i>Vocabulary Surge</i> is used to provide in-depth instruction in vocabulary.
Math	<i>Math Expressions</i> consolidates concepts to provide children with an in-depth understanding of mathematics. The concrete-to-abstract development model is used to promote critical thinking and enable children to solve problems. Skills include mixed numbers, improper fractions, comparing and ordering decimals, greatest common factor and least common factor, prime and composite numbers, constructing and measuring angles, perimeter, and mental math strategies.
Science	Science is taught through the <i>Science Dimensions</i> comprehensive curriculum. Concepts are presented using engaging physical and digital resources with a strong emphasis on hands-on learning, design process, and engineering. Lessons and labs are designed to spark children's interest in the world God created and immerse them in learning about His wondrous creations. Concepts taught in 4th grade include engineering to test and improve prototypes, energy transfer, light and sound waves, light reflection and refraction, plant reproduction and growth, forces that shape the earth, patterns in fossils and rock layers, renewable and nonrenewable resources, and engineering to reduce land and water-based hazards.
Social Studies	Children learn about our country, our world, cultures, and society through fun, interactive social studies experiences. <i>My World Social Studies</i> provides print and digital resources for units of instruction including The first Americans, age of exploration, settlements in America, life in the colonies, the American Revolution, creating a new nation, America grows, westward expansion, and the Civil War. Children learn about current events using <i>Scholastic News</i> . These classroom magazines engage students in critical thinking activities about what is going on in the world.
Bible	Fourth graders learn that our lives are like castles that God can build into strong and beautiful monuments to his grace. Students discover God's redemptive love by studying the life of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the ministry of the Apostle Paul. <i>The Positive Action Bible Curriculum</i> provides fun activities designed to reinforce lessons that help students comprehend and apply Biblical truths. Topics include application for Christian living, Bible stories and songs, Bible-centered learning activities, biweekly chapel programs, and Bible memory verses.
Foreign Language	Children participate in fun and engaging weekly Spanish classes that feature books, songs, games, and other immersive activities. Lessons introduce children to the beginning constructs of the language. Concepts include literature in Spanish, key vocabulary, telling time, families, food and manners, transportation, maps and directions, home and community, holidays, people and culture, traditions, history, and geography.
Fine Arts	Weekly performing arts classes provide children with opportunities to explore their interests in music, drama, public speaking, and movement. Concepts and skills include acting, voice projection, dramatic reading, interpretive movement, music appreciation, music theory, and playing a variety of musical instruments. Children participate in weekly visual arts lessons to encourage creativity and appreciation for the variety of art in the world. Concepts include showing distance and space in art, two-point perspective compositions, optical illusion drawings, and pointillism.
Library & Technology	Visits to the library provide children with exciting opportunities to experience fun literacy activities and check out books. Technology is integrated throughout the children's day. Each classroom is equipped with student iPads. A minimum ratio of one iPad for every three students is maintained in each classroom. Technology is also used in the presentation of materials. Interactive whiteboards make learning fun. The computer lab gives children the opportunity to complete challenging technology-based projects.
Physical Fitness	Students learn about making healthy choices and maintaining an active lifestyle in biweekly physical fitness classes. Sportsmanship, movement skills, and cardiovascular exercise are taught using a variety of engaging learning experiences. Concepts taught include running for distance, creating a jump rope routine, the importance of hydration, and completing a fitness assessment.



Lower School Curriculum Grid

2024–25
Grade Level: 5th

Grade Level	Fifth Grade
Language Arts	<i>Into Reading</i> and <i>The Daily 5</i> are used in combination to teach phonics, decoding, and word recognition, reading comprehension, spelling, writing, listening and speaking, and research and study skills. <i>Accelerated Reader</i> is used to promote reading comprehension and to motivate students to read. Writing and grammar are taught using <i>Grammar Workshop</i> . Students learn about simple and compound subjects and predicates, appositives, direct objects, linking verbs, articles and demonstrative adjectives, types of conjunctions, subject and object pronouns, possessive and demonstrative pronouns, relative pronouns and adverbs, writing, proofreading, and correcting sentences, and identifying commonly misused or misspelled words. <i>Wordly Wise</i> is used to provide in-depth instruction in vocabulary.
Math	<i>Math Expressions</i> consolidates concepts to provide children with an in-depth understanding of mathematics. The concrete-to-abstract development model is used to promote critical thinking and enable children to solve problems. Skills include using ratios to solve problems, converting between fractions and decimals, multiplying and dividing multi-digit numbers, performing operations with unlike fractions and mixed numbers, estimation, mental math strategies, and graphs and grids.
Science	Science is taught through the <i>Science Dimensions</i> comprehensive curriculum. Concepts are presented using engaging physical and digital resources with a strong emphasis on hands-on learning, design process, and engineering. Lessons and labs are designed to spark children's interest in the world God created and immerse them in learning about His wondrous creations. Concepts taught in 5th grade include technology and how it affects society, properties and change in matter, how organisms interact and use matter and energy, ecosystems and the impact of organisms on ecosystems, gravity, the sun, Earth's major systems, and engineering to help people protect the environment.
Social Studies	Children learn about our country, our world, cultures, and society through fun, interactive social studies experiences. <i>My World Social Studies</i> provides print and digital resources for units of instruction including the Civil War and Reconstruction, the role of railroads, miners, and ranchers in westward expansion, inventors and inventions, The Progressive Era, World War I, the Roaring Twenties, World War II, The Cold War, Postwar America, and Americans today. Children learn about current events using <i>Scholastic News</i> . These classroom magazines engage students in critical thinking activities about what is going on in the world.
Bible	Fifth graders learn that God desires his children to live in a spiritual realm of promise and victory today. Through this study, students gain an understanding of the patterns and themes of God's work through the Old Testament. <i>The Positive Action Bible Curriculum</i> provides fun activities designed to reinforce lessons that help students comprehend and apply Biblical truths. Topics include application for Christian living, Bible stories and songs, Bible-centered learning activities, biweekly chapel programs, and Bible Memory verses.
Foreign Language	Children participate in fun and engaging weekly Spanish classes that feature books, songs, games, and other immersive activities. Lessons introduce children to the beginning constructs of the language. Concepts include literature in Spanish, key vocabulary, telling time, families, food and manners, transportation, maps and directions, home and community, holidays, people and culture, traditions, history, and geography.
Fine Arts	Weekly performing arts classes provide children with opportunities to explore their interests in music, drama, public speaking, and movement. Concepts and skills include acting, voice projection, dramatic reading, interpretive movement, music appreciation, music theory, and playing a variety of musical instruments. Children participate in weekly visual arts lessons to encourage creativity and appreciation for the variety of art in the world. Concepts include artists and their works, landscapes, art history, technology and art, documentary art, and religion and art.
Library & Technology	Visits to the library provide children with exciting opportunities to experience fun literacy activities and check out books. Each classroom is equipped with student iPads. A minimum ratio of one iPad for every three students is maintained in each classroom. Technology is also used in the presentation of materials. Interactive whiteboards make learning fun. The computer lab gives children the opportunity to complete challenging technology-based projects.
Physical Fitness	Students learn about making healthy choices and maintaining an active lifestyle in biweekly physical fitness classes. Sportsmanship, movement skills, and cardiovascular exercise are taught using a variety of engaging learning experiences. Concepts taught include creating a jump rope routine with a partner, dynamic movements, completing and analyzing a fitness assessment, and the impact of food choices on health.