



2024-2025 Curriculum Overview

Kindergarten

Bible: *English Standard Version (ESV) Bible, The Biggest Story Bible Storybook, Psalm 23, annual school passage, Scripture memorization, catechisms, and “PEARL” verses*

Language Arts: Rich children’s literature as the foundation for “sound of the week” activities using real-world objects and teacher-created materials, remembering, sequencing, and retelling through narration

Phonics: *Foundations: Wilson Language Basics*, incorporated lessons, and methodologies from NILD TEACH skills and activities

Handwriting: *Handwriting Without Tears* methodology

Read Aloud: “Book of the week” composed of living books from classical children’s literature and Caldecott Medal recipients

Math: *INTO Math K*

Science: Topics related to the “sound of the week” and the “book of the week”

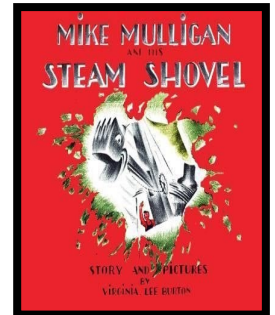
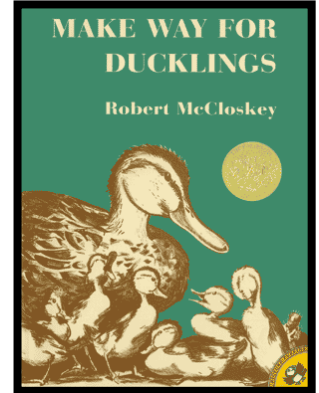
History: Topics related to the “book of the week”

Poetry: Robert Frost and selections from various poets culminating in a class poetry recital

Artists: John James Audubon and Robert McCloskey

Composer: John Philip Sousa and various hymns

Nature Study: Apple, the great horned owl, and mallard ducks

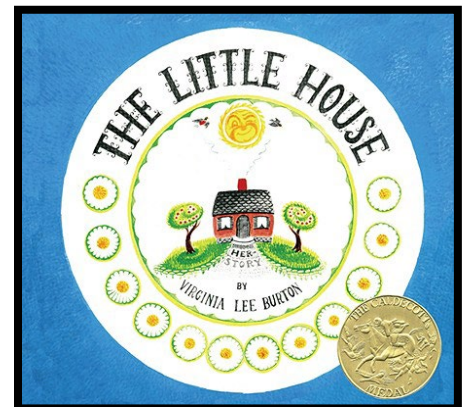




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Pre-First Grade

- Bible:** *English Standard Version (ESV) Bible, Investigating God's Word: Genesis-Revelation, annual school passage, Scripture memorization, catechisms, and creation verses*
- Phonics:** *Foundations: Wilson Language Basics, Saxon phonemic awareness lessons, decodable readers, and writing journals*
- Language Arts:** Rich children's literature as the foundation for weekly activities using real-world objects and teacher-created materials as well as retelling through narration
- Handwriting:** *Handwriting Without Tears methodology*
- Read Aloud:** "Book of the week" composed of living books from classical children's literature and Caldecott Medal recipients, author studies, and oral narration
- Math:** *INTO Math K* and other resources
- Science:** Topics related to the "book of the week" and Bible lessons
- History:** Topics related to the "book of the week" and Bible lessons
- Poetry:** Selections from various poets culminating in a class poetry recital
- Artists:** Roger Torey Peterson
- Composer:** Peter and the Wolf, Sergei Prokofiev
- Nature Study:** Plants, seeds, lifecycle of an apple, caterpillars, and butterflies

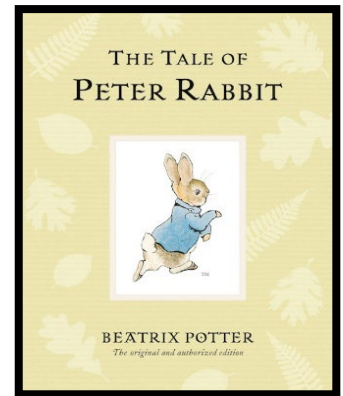




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First Grade

- Bible:** *Investigating God's Word: Genesis-Exodus, Job, and the life of Christ, annual school Scripture memory, Scripture memorization, catechisms, and ESV Following Jesus Bible*
- Literature:** Living books and books for growing readers
- Language Arts:** Grammar concepts from *Shurley English, First Language Lessons for the Well-Trained Mind*, narration, abbreviations, lists, sentences, and simple narrative stories
- Phonics:** *Foundations: Wilson Language Basics* and *Up-Words* readers
- Handwriting:** *Handwriting Without Tears* methodology
- Read Aloud:** *The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter, Little Pilgrim's Progress, Heidi, My Father's Dragon, and Twelfth Night*
- Math:** *INTO Math 1*
- Science:** Solar system, seasons, plants and seeds, and birding
- History:** Ancient Egypt, explorers, pilgrims, and presidents
- Geography:** South America, Africa, rainforests, deserts, savanna, and oceans
- Poetry:** Robert Louis Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verses* and a class poetry recital
- Artists:** Degas, Seurat, and Beatrix Potter
- Composer:** Beethoven
- Nature Study:** Various trees, shrubs, flowers, fruits, rabbit, duck, squirrel, robin, frog, and toad
- Shakespeare:** *Twelfth Night*

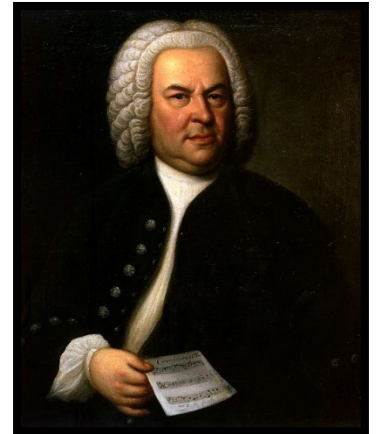
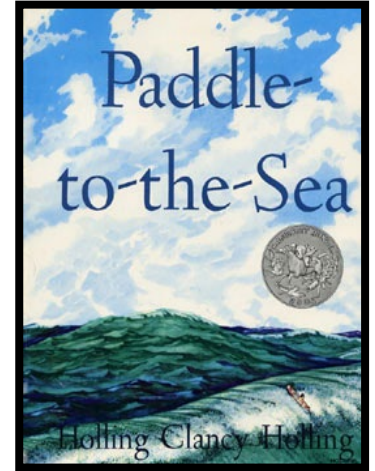




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Second Grade

- Bible:** *Investigating God's Word: Leviticus - I Samuel, Mark annual school passage, Scripture memorization, catechisms, and ESV Following Jesus Bible*
- Literature:** *Paddle-to-the-Sea, Bears on Hemlock Mountain, Sam the Minuteman, The Courage of Sarah Noble, and Snowshoe Thompson*
- Language Arts:** Concepts from *Shurley English*, narration, and creative writing
- Phonics:** *Foundations: Wilson Language Basics*
- Handwriting:** *Handwriting Without Tears* methodology
- Read Aloud:** *Trumpet of the Swan, The Crippled Lamb, Trouble in a Fur Coat, Sebastian Bach: The Boy from Thuringia, and Linnea in Monet's Garden*
- Math:** *INTO Math 2*
- Science:** Earth, human body systems, food/nutrition, forest animals, streams, rivers, lakes, and simple machines
- History:** Revolutionary War and colonial history/state of Georgia
- Geography:** North America, landforms, and map skills
- Poetry:** Walter de la Mare and selections from various poets culminating in a class poetry recital
- Artists:** Gainsborough and Monet
- Composer:** Bach
- Nature Study:** Maple tree, pansy, lily, southern wax myrtle, Japanese cedar, and the Okame cherry
- Shakespeare:** *As You Like It*





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Third Grade

- Bible:** *Investigating God's Word: I and II Samuel, I Chronicles, Luke and Acts, annual school passage, Scripture memorization, catechisms, and ESV Following Jesus Bible*
- Literature:** *Robinson Crusoe, Lion to Guard Us, Squanto, Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears, Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, and The Sign of the Beaver*
- Language Arts:** Concepts from *Shurley English*, beginning grammar and foundations of the writing process, narration, and letter writing
- Handwriting:** *Zaner Bloser Cursive*
- Phonics:** *Foundations: Wilson Language Basics*
- Math:** *INTO Math 3*
- Science:** Life Science: plants, trees, cold /warm blooded animals, and ecosystems (BJU Press)
Earth Science: rocks and minerals (BJU Press)
- History:** World explorers and history of the United States from early Americans to the Civil War
- Poetry:** Robert Frost
- Artists:** West and Bierstadt
- Composer:** Handel
- Nature Study:** Daffodil, birds, leaves, and other studies integrated with science units
- Shakespeare:** *The Tempest*
- Read Aloud:** *Around the World in Eighty Days, Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin, Digging a Hole to the Center of the Earth, and The Tempest*





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Fourth Grade

- Bible:** *Investigating God's Word: II Samuel - I and II Chronicles, Joel, Jonah, John and the Epistles, annual school passage, Scripture memorization, catechisms, and ESV Following Jesus Bible*
- Literature:** *The Magician's Nephew, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Nature Reader, Little House in the Big Woods, Cricket in Times Square, Caddie Woodlawn, Carry on, Mr. Bowditch, and Adam of the Road*
- Language Arts:** *Shurley English 4, Spelling Connections, narration, outlining, process writing, letter writing, and Greek/Latin roots*
- Math:** *INTO Math 4*
- Science:** Physical Science: energy, motion, waves, light, sound, and simple machines
Life Science: insects, skeletal and muscular systems
Earth Science: water cycle and ocean life (BJU Press)
- History:** A survey of World History (~4000 BC - 1455 AD)
Ancient civilizations: Greece, Rome, Egypt, Europe, China, and India. *Story of the World* Volumes 1 and 2
- Poetry:** Emily Dickinson
- Artists:** Van Gogh and Cassatt
- Composer:** Mozart
- Nature Study:** Azalea, butterfly bush, sunflower, strawberry, papyrus plant, and shells in conjunction with science units
- Shakespeare:** *Comedy of Errors*
- Read Aloud:** C.S. Lewis - *The Storyteller, Prince Caspian, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, Treader, and The Best Christmas Pageant*



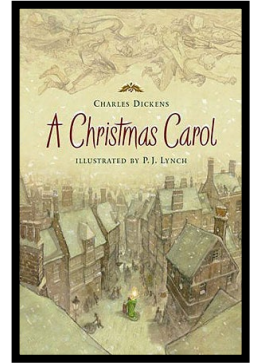


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Fifth Grade

Bible: *Investigating God's Word: II Chronicles-Esther, Ecclesiastes, major and minor prophets, Hebrews, James, I and II Peter, Revelation, annual school passage, various Scripture memorization, catechisms, and ESV Following Jesus Bible*

Literature: *The Bark of the Bog Owl, My Side of the Mountain, A Single Shard, A Christmas Carol, Listen for the Whippoorwill, Gifted Hands, and Turn Homeward Hannalee*



Language Arts: *Shurley English*, narrative, persuasive, and expository writing

Math: *INTO Math 5*

Science:
Earth Science: fossils, dinosaurs, minerals, rocks, and weather (BJU Press)
Life Science: human body - digestion, nervous, and respiratory systems, biomes, and ecosystems
Physical Science: heat, energy - sound/light, and matter (BJU Press)



History: A Survey of World History (1450 AD - 1900 AD) including exploration, Reformation, Renaissance, age of science and enlightenment, global culture, overview of the Civil War, and Reconstruction

Poetry: Carl Sandburg, Rudyard Kipling, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Artists: Caravaggio and Homer

Composer: Brahms

Nature Study: Hydrangea, American holly, persimmon, peanut plant, peregrine falcon, sweet gum leaf



Shakespeare: *As You Like It*

Read Aloud: *Minty, Pink and Say, The Story of George Washington Carver, Henry's Freedom Box, and The Secret to Freedom*

Class Trip: National Civil War Naval Museum/Desoto Caverns (sleeping in caves)



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Sixth Grade

Bible: Genesis through I Kings, annual school passage, Scripture memorization, catechisms, and *ESV Student Study Bible*

Literature: Reading includes the rich content of classics and award-winning literature (*The Wednesday Wars, Where the Red Fern Grows, A Night Divided, The Hiding Place, and The Hobbit*) stressing reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and fluency



Language Arts: Writing includes critical thinking, articulation of ideas, outlining, five paragraph essays with rules of grammar, usage, and mechanics with *Shurley English*

Math: *INTO Math 6*

Science: *Earth Science* (BJU Press)

History: *Age of Extremes, War, Peace, and All That Jazz, All the People* (Oxford University Press), *America, Land I Love* (Abeka)

Geography: Continents, oceans, and Europe and Asia (countries and capitals)

Poetry: Walt Whitman and William Wordsworth

Artists: Leonardo da Vinci, Norman Rockwell, and August Renoir

Composer: George Gershwin

Nature Study: Sassafras, red fern, sycamore, maple, holly, Japanese cedar, raccoon, daffodil, tulip, and rose

Shakespeare: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Language: Spanish

Read Aloud: *Number the Stars* and *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*

Class Trip: Savannah

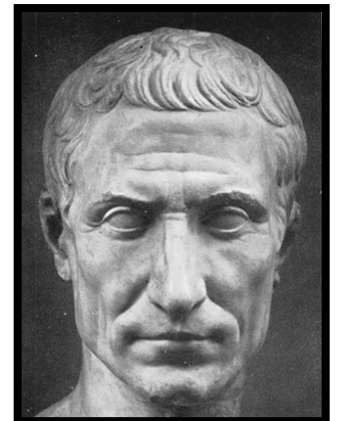




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Seventh Grade

- Bible:** Overview of the story of Scripture using the *Seamless Bible* study and studies of the person and work of Christ using the *Gospel Foundations Bible* study; annual school passage, Scripture memorization, catechisms, and *ESV Bible* used to deepen understanding of Christ and His work
- Literature:** *The Bronze Bow, The Prince and the Pauper, Genesis Begins Again, Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, A Wrinkle in Time, Julius Caesar*, and selected short stories
- Language Arts:** *Shurley English*, narration, expository and narrative writing, five paragraph formal essay, research reports, creative writing, and poetry
- Poetry:** Various poetry selections
- Math:** *INTO Math 7 Accelerated*
- Science:** *Life Science* (BJU Press 4th Edition 2013) - dissections, labs, and projects
- Supplemental Resources:** *The Great Scientists, John Farndon & The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot*
- History/World Civilization:** *From Adam to Us: Creation to Cathedrals* (Notgrass)
Western Civilization from ancient civilizations to Renaissance
- Artists:** Giotto, Rembrandt, Raphael, and Durer (History), Picasso on Geometric Shapes (Math), and Durer's Owl (Science)
- Composer:** Louis Armstrong
- Nature Study:** Two student choice options for selected organisms, butterfly specimens, varied horticultural selections, insects, or anything related to biological kingdoms
- Shakespeare:** *Julius Caesar*
- Class Trip:** Creation Museum and Ark





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Eighth Grade

- Bible:** *ESV Bible*, survey of Acts, Hebrews, Revelation, study of Shorter Catechism, evangelism training, Apologetics, debates, and Scripture memorization
- Literature:** *I Must Betray You, Hamlet, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Hound of the Baskervilles, The Swan House, 101 Great American Poems, Everything Sad is Untrue, and You Bring the Distant Near*
- Language Arts:** *Shurley English*, narration, expository and narrative writing, five paragraph formal essay, personal narrative, creative writing, and poetry
- Math:** *REVEAL MATH Algebra 1*
- Science:** *The Physical World, An Introduction to Physical Science* (BJU Press 2008 newer edition)
- History:** Georgia history and American civics
- Poetry:** Various poems
- Artists:** Jan Vermeer (Reformation), Rembrandt and Bernini (Baroque Period)
- Composer:** Tchaikovsky
- Nature Study:** Mockingbird, nautilus shell, and assorted fruit
- Shakespeare:** *Hamlet*
- Class Trip:** Washington D.C.

