

# Ambassador Christian Academy Curriculum Summary

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Grades K-8:	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
<b>Reading / Literature</b>	Read alouds including Frog & Toad series, Little Bear series, and Classical stories from 5 in a Row: Make Way for Ducklings, Story About Ping, Cranberry Thanksgiving, My Grandfather's Journey... Alphabetic principles, phonemic awareness, sound/letter correspondence, short vowel sounds, blending; long vowels, sight words special sounds, reading stories Nursey rhymes, poetry	Author of the Month Poem of the month Independent Reading Challenge Program Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English poetry Reading- Treasures Macmillian/McGraw-Hill	Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Treasures, Poetry reading, Molly's Pilgrim, Tutankhamen's Gift, Mummies Made in Egypt, Mummies in the Morning, Mr. Popper's Penguins, The Golden Goblet poetry Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Reading- Treasures Macmillian/McGraw-Hill	Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Treasures, A Bear Called Paddington, The Mouse and the Motorcycle, Farmer Boy Aesop's Fables. poetry Grammar, Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Reading- Treasures Macmillian/McGraw-Hill	Misty of Chincoteague, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Mary Poppins, The Adventures of Robin Hood, From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler. Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Reading- Treasures Macmillian/McGraw-Hill	Number the Stars, The Secret Garden, Caddie Woodlawn, The Sign of the Beaver, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; A Cricket in Times Square, Frindle poetry Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Reading- Treasures Macmillian/McGraw-Hill	Fever 1793, Freedom Train, Iron Thunder, Thomas Edison, Children of the Covered Wagon, Other historical readings, Poetry unit, book reports Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)	Magician's Nephew, Tales of Ancient Egypt, Black Ships Before Troy (The Illiad), Theras and His Town, Tales of the Greek Heroes, various poetry, book reports Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)	The Great and Terrible Quest, The Legend of King Arthur, A Christmas Carol, The Second Mrs. Giaconda, Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, Beowulf, Diary of Anne Frank, Canterbury Tales (prologue memorized in middle English) various poets, historical readings, book reports Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)
<b>Math</b>	Counting, positional words, patterns, shapes, money, ordinal numbers, time, adding, subtracting, calendar, measurement	Counting to 1,000; Addition and subtraction to 12; measurement; clocks; fractions; graphing; word problems; place value	Memorize Basic Addition & Subtraction facts; Intro to Multiplication & Division; Clocks; Money, Place Value; Roman numerals; Measurement; Fractions, Graphs, Shapes	Place Value, whole number operations, English & metric measures, telling time, Roman numerals, counting money, intro to fractions	Whole number and fraction operations, averages, graphing, English & metric measure conversions, Roman numerals, geometry, shapes, time lapse, temperature readings	Fraction & decimal operations, graphing, rounding whole & decimal numbers, averages, area, perimeter, geometry, vocabulary, order of operations	Writing & evaluating variable, algebraic expressions, equation solutions, integer & rational expression operations, inequalities, ratio & proportions, percents	Functions and their graphs, scientific notation, squares & square roots, area volume & surface area, probability, monomial & intro to polynomial operations	Integer operations, monomial & polynomial operations and factoring, linear, absolute value & quadratic equations, inequalities, graphing of equations and inequalities
<b>Grammar/ Writing</b>	Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Handwriting-Zaner Blouser: Letter formation, name, short sentences, copy from model; story writing utilizing: nouns, action verbs, sensory words	Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Macmillian/McGraw-Hill Treasures, Writing sentences, punctuation, nouns, verbs, adjectives, contractions, compound words, weekly spelling tests Handwriting-Zaner Blouser:	Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Macmillian/McGraw-Hill Treasures, writing with detail, journal writing, 8 parts of speech; homonyms/homophones, singular vs. plural, compound words, persuasive writing; letter writing	Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Macmillian/McGraw-Hill Treasures sentences, paragraphs, journal writing, punctuation, capitalization, parts of speech, verb tenses, spelling tests Handwriting-Zaner	Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Macmillian/McGraw-Hill Treasures sentence structure, capitalization, punctuation rules, parts of speech, verb tenses, writing stories, compositions reports. spelling tests	Language/Phonics/ Grammar - Shurley English Macmillian/McGraw-Hill Treasures sentence structure, capitalization, punctuation rules, parts of speech, verb tenses, writing stories, compositions reports. spelling tests	Language/ Grammar - Shurley English Eight Parts of speech, punctuation, word origins and word parts Writing: <i>Writing With History: Modern Times</i> Classical Academic Press	Language/ Grammar Shurley English parts of speech, punctuation, introduction to diagramming Writing: <i>Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons</i> IEW- Structure, Style, Grammar, Vocabulary	Language/ Grammar Shurley English, parts of speech reviewed, punctuation and vocabulary, advanced diagramming Writing: <i>Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons</i> IEW- Structure, Style, Grammar, Vocabulary

			Handwriting-Zaner Blouser:intro to cursive	Blouser:cursive	Handwriting-Zaner Blouser:cursive		with IEW structure and style		
<b>History</b>	Holidays, family & community helpers, my family, my community	NJ History, symbols of America, great people, freedoms, special places in America, holidays	Ancient History I (Egypt to Alexander the Great)	Ancient History II (Greeks to The Council of Nicea)	Middle Ages Renaissance and Reformation	American History I (Explorers to The War of 1812)	American History (1815 to The Modern Age)	Ancient Greece and Rome	Middle Ages, Renaissance & Reformation.
<b>Geography</b>	Our Great Country; Children around the world; Five in a Row story applications: Oceans, Continents, States, Countries	Basic map skills: directions, oceans, continents, rivers, states	Basic map skills; Ancient Egypt and Middle East region; the continents are memorized	Mediterranean region locations and geography	Mediterranean region, Europe – bodies of water, landforms, major modern nations	Geography of North America.	50 States, North America, Europe, Vietnam	North Africa, the Middle East, Europe	Europe: Italy, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, France
<b>Science</b>	Five senses, The body/Healthy eating, Weather/Seasons, push-pull, magnets, matter, heat, living vs non-living, plants/seeds, animals, butterflies	Human body, simple machines, animals, insects, art life, plants, seasons, birds, butterflies	Our bodies/health; the animal world & habitats; the plant world; energy, force & gravity; air & weather; stars and planets; Earth, oceans and continents	Basic Physics: Electricity; Magnetism; Pendulums and Buoyancy. TOPS Science Activity Books	Basic Physics: Electricity; Magnetism; Pendulums and Buoyancy. TOPS Science Activity Books	Basic Life Science: Plant Biology, Biomes, Environmental Science, Diversity of Life. TOPS Science Activity Books, Prentice Hall: Science Explorer.	Earth Science – Moving Earth, Geology, Volcanoes, Oceans, Astronomy, Matter, Periodic Table, Flight, Weather, Energy. Novels-Einstein and Thomas Edison	Life Science. Plant, Human & Animal Biology, Dissections	Physical Science. Matter, Interactions, Motion & Work, Electricity & Magnetism
<b>Spanish</b>	Songs, Greetings, Colors, Numbers, Videos and Books	Songs, Greeting, Numbers, Days of the week, Months, Colors, Videos and Books	Greetings, Songs, Colors, Numbers, Days of the week, Months, Seasons, Weather, Stories, Vocabulary and videos	Greetings, Songs, Colors, Days of the week, Months, Seasons, The Alphabet, Numbers, Expressions, Parts of the body and Videos	Greetings, Songs, Bible verses, Seasons, Weather, Days of the week, Months, Family Members, Clothes, Colors, Fruits, Foods and Videos	Greetings, Songs, Expressions, Months, numbers, Seasons, Foods, Stories, General Vocabulary, Alphabet, Clothes and videos.	Greetings, Songs, Books, Videos, Basic questions, Expressions, Vocabulary, Short conversations, Weather, Games, Spanish countries, Foods, Culture, Traditions.	Greetings, Songs, Conversations, Books, Videos, Vocabulary, Expressions, Spanish culture, Countries, Foods, Traditions, Weather, The articles, feminine and masculine nouns.	Greetings, Songs, Conversations, Stories, Vocabulary, Expressions, Weather, Spanish countries, Culture, Traditions, Foods, Fruits, Seasons, feminine and masculine nouns, The articles.
<b>Latin</b>							Classical pronunciation, Alphabet and vowels. Conjugation of verbs, Endings, Person and numbers as well as gender. Vocabulary and videos	Classical pronunciation, Alphabet and vowels. Conjugation of verbs, Endings, Person and numbers as well as gender. Vocabulary and videos	Classical pronunciation, Alphabet and vowels. Conjugation of verbs, endings, person and numbers as well as gender. Vocabulary and videos
<b>Art</b>	Landscapes, portraiture, warm and cool colors. Introduction to a variety of mediums. Artists: Georgia O'Keeffe, Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso	Portraits, still life, landscapes Elements of art : color, line & texture. Artists: Henri Matisse, Paul Klee, Romare Bearden	Landscapes and still life. Color theory, tints and shades. Paper mache and painting. Artists: Pablo Picasso, Van Gogh and Paul klee	Animal Portraits, Collage, Landscape Color wheel painting, paper mache variety of mediums. Artists: Georgia O'Keeffe, Pablo	Animal Portraits, Collage, Landscape Color wheel painting, paper mache variety of mediums. Artists: Georgia O'Keeffe, Pablo Picasso, Henri	Animal Portraits, Collage, Landscape Color wheel painting, paper mache variety of mediums. Artists: Georgia O'Keeffe, Pablo Picasso,	Elements and principles of art. Perspective shading, Color theory, painting, collage, cardboard sculpture. Artists: Pablo Picasso,	Elements and principles of art. Perspective, shading, Color theory, painting, collage, cardboard sculpture. Artists: Pablo Picasso, Romare	Elements and principles of art. Perspective, shading, Color theory, painting, collage, cardboard sculpture. Artists: Pablo Picasso, Romare Bearden, Paul Klee

				Picasso, Henri Matisse	Matisse	Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse	Romare Bearden, Paul Klee	Bearden, Paul Klee	
<b>Logic</b>							Identify Fallacies Identify Poor Argumentation Analyze Advertisement	Constructing Syllogisms Identifying Valid/ Invalid Arguments Review Fallacies Apologetics- Defending what you believe-orally and in writing	Rhetoric, Debate, How to give a presentation Persuasive Writing Construction of a good argument Read: <i>Socrates Meets Jesus</i>
<b>Bible</b>	ACSI – focuses on the familiar children’s stories of the Bible. The famous heroes of the Bible provide a foundation for living.	Creation, various Old Testament characters, the Psalms, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Boyhood of Jesus, Following Jesus, Easter, Believing, Accepting and Pleasing Jesus, Serving God and others, Selected Bible Memory Passages	Veritas History Cards, Creation, Fall in the Garden, Cain & Abel, the Flood, Tower of Babel, The Call of Abram, God’s Covenant with Abraham, Hagar & Ishmael, Sodom & Gomorrah, Birth & Offering of Isaac, Joseph as a Slave, Famine in Egypt, 12 tribes of Israel, Moses’ Birth, Plagues in Egypt, The Exodus, 10 Commandments, The Davidic Kingdom, Solomon’s Reign Bible verse memorization	Samuel, David, Solomon, Daniel & Esther. Events: the establishment of the kingdom of Israel, division of the kingdom, the Fall of Israel and Judah, and the return of God’s people from exile. Weekly Scripture memory verse tests.	Old Testament: Creation – Samson Creation through the establishment of the kingdom of Israel. Weekly Scripture memory verse tests.	Old Testament: Ruth – Nehemiah, The division of the kingdom, the Fall of Israel and Judah, exile to Babylon, and the return of God’s people from exile. Weekly Scripture memory verse tests	The God Man: The Life of Christ Focus: The Life of Christ as revealed in the Gospels. Weekly verse memorization is required.	Acts to Revelation by Veritas Press. This is a study of the New Testament other than the four gospels. The Life of Paul and his letters. Prophecy of the end times. Weekly verse memorization is required.	Survey of the Old Testament Genesis through Nehemiah, Study of creation and Genesis, Focus on building the nation of Israel, The Law, The United and Divided Kingdom, Captivity, Restoration, Study of the prophets as they speak to the nations. Weekly verse memorization.