

Elementary Classes: Ages 5 & 6

Math 1

Ages 5 & 6 (Kindergarten, Advanced)

This course provides students with a foundation of basic mathematical skills. Topics covered include numbers and operations, patterns and relationships, spatial reasoning and measurement. Students will learn and begin to master basic addition and subtraction facts. Hands-on activities and use of manipulatives, games, drills, problem solving connected to everyday experiences, and mathematical conversations will actively engage the students. New concepts will be developed, practiced, and reviewed in order for students to begin to understand mathematical processes. Parents will need to practice math facts and do some activities at home. This course is a 32-week, 2 semester class that will use *Saxon Math Kindergarten and Saxon Math 1*.

Reading and Phonics

Ages 5 & 6 (Kindergarten, Advanced)

In this course students will review letters and sounds and their relationships, as well as spelling patterns, to decode written English. Students will read orally and will be using their reading skills to identify elements of a story and discuss the big idea of a story. Scripture verses are used to remember the letters of the alphabet. Through interactive activities, they learn to reason, classify, compare, follow directions, rhyme, and sequence events. They will learn to retell a story, with important facts, and describe the characters. They will read short stories themselves and will use their comprehension and listening skills to discuss stories that are read in class. Parents will need to teach phonics drills daily and listen to oral reading. A *Beka Reading* curriculum is used. This course is a 32-week, 2 semester class.

Science

Ages 5 & 6 (Kindergarten, Advanced)

This science course teaches the early learner that creation is orderly and is designed by God. The course is meant to stir an appreciation of God and His creation and the excitement of discovery in the young learners. Students will learn about bugs, birds, magnets, seasons, water, their bodies, weather, rocks, oceans, sun, moon, plants, and animals. They also experience lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities. *BJUP Science 1* is used. This course is a 32-week, 2 semester class.

SPANISH

Ages 5 & 6 (Kindergarten)

Spanish class will provide lessons in beginning Spanish. Students who have no knowledge of Spanish will have age-appropriate lessons that will include colors, family, food, and animals. The class will include songs, puzzles, and written activities. No text is needed. This course is a 32-week, 2 semester class.

Fine Arts

Ages 5 & 6 (Kindergarten)

Music Class

This class will emphasize musical games and songs. FUN will be most important to keep their interest. Children will be exposed to classical literature that includes vocal and instrumental music. We will play rhythm games, learning about steady beat, louder/softer, faster/slower, etc. This will include exposure to correct musical terminology and notation, including very basic music symbols and notes. Ideally, we will collect a classroom set of "drums" (household items such as large plastic jars, coffee cans, boxes, etc.) to incorporate rhythm games and activities and performances. No text is needed. This course is a 32-week, 2 semester class.

