

Elementary Classes: Ages 6-8

Math 1

Ages 5 & 6 (Kindergarten, Advanced and 1st grade)

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*.

MATH 2

Ages 6 - 8 year-olds; 1st and 2nd grades

This math course leads the student to understand that God is orderly. The course provides the student with instruction in basic mathematical skills, with guided class practice, and review. Students will Master basic addition and subtraction facts, will add and subtract larger numbers, work with geometric shapes and Venn diagrams, predict patterns, organize and analyze data using simple graphs, and solve multi-step problems. Manipulatives are utilized, as are other engaging games, activities and drills. This class will include daily at-home assignments that will require some parent involvement. *Saxon Math 2 Home Study Kit* will be the primary text used. This class is a 32-week, 2-semester class.

READING AND COMPREHENSION

Ages 6 - 8; 1st and 2nd grades

Students are introduced to the importance of order in communication, whether written or oral. They are motivated to read orally and silently. They are expected to recognize vowels, consonants/vowel blends, sight words, and special sounds. They are expected to comprehend what they read. The teacher will use hands-on activities for the students to learn how to interpret pictures, sequence events, and match sounds with a picture. Students will learn to interpret information, listen for facts and details, follow directions, make critical judgments, make application, and identify a main idea of a story or passage. The students will participate in songs, discussion, sharing of ideas, action rhymes, pantomimes, dialogues, choral readings, and retelling stories. We use *ABeka Reading* curriculum. A Materials Fee will be charged. This course is a 32-week, 2 semester class.

Science

Ages 6 - 8; 1st and 2nd grades

Students will learn of the breathtaking creation that God has prepared. They will learn that all things were created by God in seven days and learn the difference between living and nonliving things. They will learn about the importance of healthy bones and muscles and will experiment using the five senses. They will explore the different ways we measure and will be introduced to light, force, friction, as well as the characteristics and different forms of matter. They will observe the plant and animal world and will be introduced to the solar system and the earth's characteristics. The students will read and discuss concepts, complete activity sheets, and study for tests at home. Interactive labs and hands-on activities will be conducted at school. We use *Bob Jones Science 2*. A Materials/Supply Fee will be charged. This course is a 32 week, 2 semester class.

Grammar and Writing

Ages 6 - 8 years; 1st and 2nd grades

Students are introduced to the importance of God-given order in communication, whether written or oral. They will demonstrate knowledge of correct spelling, basic punctuation and capitalization rules. This method uses a flow of question and answers lead by the teacher. It is easy to learn and will be made available to the parent for daily practice at home. Sentence building and paragraph construction are emphasized. Jingles will also be learned in class and at home. This approach uses the visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning styles. When the child sees, hears, and says his/her answer, retention increases dramatically. We use *Shurley English Level 1*. Books may be rented from ACS. This class is a 32 week, 2 semester course.

SPANISH

Ages 6- 8 years; 1st and 2nd grades

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 6- 8 years; 1st and 2nd grades

Music Class

We will incorporate all that is included in the previous level, and expand on it as is age appropriate. We will learn to identify music symbols, notes on the staff, time signatures, tempo markings, note values, etc. We will learn proper audience etiquette during live performances-- a neglected skill in today's society. We will also learn to support and encourage one another as "performers" by doing group activities/performances within the classroom setting as well as school performances/programs for parents. Fees for materials and costumes, etc. used during performances may be charged. This course is a 32-week, 2 semester class.