



SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM – Keizer Campus

Chapel

Every week the faculty and student body gather for a time of worship. Our focus is to bring honor and glory to our Lord. Biblical truths and principles of life are taught by our staff, pastors, and guest speakers. We welcome parents to attend with their children and worship with us.

Character Formation

At the heart of the discipleship mission is to worship God in a pleasing way. This requires no longer conforming to the patterns of this world, but to become transformed into the new creation we are in Christ. To this end, a unique biblical character trait will be emphasized each month in every aspect of the school. At the end of the month, each student should have a firm understanding of the scriptural value of demonstrating the character trait, as well as the tools to practice the character trait in real life. Over the course of 4 years, 36 unique character traits will be emphasized.

Bible

Bible study is an integral part of the school curriculum at Crosshill Christian School. We approach Scripture in such a way that a child will discover and be able to apply the relevance of the Bible and its principles to everyday situations and experiences. The students learn the books of the Bible and begin to learn how to find specific books, chapter and verse in their own Bibles. Students will learn a Bible verse each week, NIV version that is applicable to their life situation. We feel it is important at a young age for them to begin hiding God's words in their hearts.

Crosshill Christian School utilizes the ACSI Purposeful Design Bible Curriculum as a guideline for scope and sequence. Throughout the year the curriculum focuses on the lives of various Heroes of the faith. Students will see just as God had a plan and purpose for each person that we study in the Bible, God also has a plan and a purpose for them.

Phonics

Crosshill Christian School utilizes a phonetics-based program for teaching reading. Besides building the necessary background for word attack skills and confident reading, phonics trains students to listen carefully, to develop good habits of thinking, analyzing, organizing, memorizing, and applying important facts and rules. *BJU* provides daily seatwork activities to reinforce the phonics concepts vital to the mastery of reading skills.

Reading

To help each child cultivate a love for reading, we offer a variety of quality reading selections and experiences. The Bob Jones reading program promotes the development of intensive phonics instruction, reading comprehension and thinking skills through character building stories and reading materials. Along with classroom reading, students have the opportunity to participate in reading incentives offered through our library program. Students have library class, and are able to check out books for reading outside of school.

Spelling

Part of God's plan for our lives includes the ability to communicate with one another and with God. Writing requires accurate spelling. Thus, spelling becomes an important part of the communication process. Writing allows the transfer of information over space and time. This ability is unique to humans and is a clear reflection of the nature of God. Crosshill Christian works to create lifelong spellers. Students need to have a grasp of spelling rules as well as a knowledge of how to spell basic to advanced words, not just for Friday tests, but in everyday work. We use a variety of methods to accomplish this goal, the main resource being Bob Jones Spelling where students are taught spelling patterns and strategies, proofreading skills, dictionary skills, and are given the opportunity to incorporate those into meaningful writing experiences.

Language Arts/ Grammar

Students receive daily practice in the principles of language in both written and oral communication. Grammar, creative writing, reading comprehension and thinking skills are integrated. For language, the Bob Jones English workbook is used. The student workbook provides a guided practice page and an independent practice page. The English 2 curriculum emphasizes traditional grammar, such as parts of speech, sentence structure and mechanics, and provides practice with essential reference skills. It also explains the step-by-step writing process for eight different types of writing assignments, such as a friendly letter, a make-believe story, instructions, a book report, and more. Concepts learned in the first grade are reinforced as students continue to benefit from solid instruction in:

* Capitalization/ correct punctuation

* Nouns/ pronouns

* Recognizing a complete sentence/fragment

* Verbs/ linking verbs

- * Plural pronouns/ possessive nouns
- * Adjectives
- * Compound words
- * Prefixes/ suffixes
- * Alphabetizing
- * Using the Thesaurus
- * Abbreviations
- * Contractions
- * Commas in a series
- * Antonyms/ synonyms
- * Using a Dictionary

Two hours a week are dedicated to writing in the following areas:

- * Writing a personal story
- * Proofreading/ revising
- * Poetry/ couplet/ shape poems
- * Writing a book report
- * Creative writing/ writing a make-believe story
- * Planning with a word web
- * Publishing
- * Study and reference skills
- * Writing a research paper
- * Writing a friendly letter/ addressing an envelope

Writing/ Penmanship

The Bob Jones writing curriculum was chosen because of its ease of transitioning from pre-cursive letters to cursive. Cursive writing is introduced mid-year. Students focus on correct letter formation, alignment, slant, spacing and neatness all while focusing on doing their work for the Lord and incorporating scripture into lessons. In addition to the workbook activities, students practice their cursive writing throughout the curriculum.

Math

A Beka is used as the core curriculum, along with A Beka Tests and Speed Drills. This is a complete math program that provides daily activities including oral drills, the teaching and practice of new materials and review of basic facts. Games and 'hands-on' activities are used to reinforce math skills learned during the lessons. The mathematic curriculum teaches students to believe in absolutes, to work diligently to get right answers and to see the facts of mathematics as part of the truth and order that God has built into the real universe. Listed below are many of the skills the second graders will learn:

- * Addition/ carrying
- * Place value
- * Problem solving
- * Calendar/ time
- * Order
- * Simple graphs/ charts
- * Rounding/ estimation
- * Money
- * Roman numerals
- * Clock time
- * English/ metric measurement/ geometry
- * Fractions
- * Story problems
- * Subtraction/ borrowing
- * Counting
- * Introduction to multiplication/ division

Science

Science is the study of God's order, provision, and general revelation as discovered in His physical creation. The science program at CCS offers a comprehensive study which gives the students understanding of the content and processes of life, physical and earth sciences. The following units are studied, using ACSI as the core curriculum:

- Plants/ seeds roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, cones
- Vertebrates/ mammals, reptiles, amphibians, dogs, cats, guinea pigs, iguanas,
- Frogs/ salamanders and camels. Students will choose a vertebrate to do research on. They will find two sources of information make a poster and clay model of the animal and write a report.
- Invertebrates/ earthworms, spiders, ants, snails
- Habitats/ yards and gardens, forest, freshwater regions, wetlands, deserts, polar regions, tropical rainforest, protecting habitats, endangered animals. Students will choose an animal habitat to study. They will make a poster, make a diorama of their habitat and write a report about their habitat and animals that live there.
- Energy/ energy all around us, energy of motion, stored energy, working stored energy, energy moves and changes, the sun, solar energy.
- Light/ seeing light, reflection, transparent, translucent, opaque, how light travels, lenses bend light.
- Heat/ molecules in motion, conducting heat, conductors and insulators, radiating heat, absorbing heat, convection, heat changes things.
- Human body
 1. Sound and hearing
 2. Sight and touch
 3. Taste and smell
- Weather/ four elements of weather, temperature, evaporation, dew and fog, water cycle, clouds, storms, weather maps.

Health

The word of God teaches us that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Ps. 139:14). God expects us to take care of the wonderful bodies He has given us so that we can serve Him each day. The second graders will enjoy learning more about caring for their bodies and staying healthy. Topics include eating nutritious meals, exercising, getting plenty of rest and keeping your body clean. We will also be talking about using good manners. The Bible teaches us that we should act toward others as we want them to act towards us. Using good manners helps us please the Lord and have a good testimony before others.

History

Crosshill Christian's history program is presented with the firm conviction that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." History, therefore, is a revelation of God in His dealings with man and the universe.

Through the use of the Bob Jones University Press Heritage Studies 2 and the teacher supplemented materials, students learn about God's plan for communities and why we need rules and laws. As they discover the difference between needs and wants, they learn that God is our Provider. The following units are studied as themes:

- *Communities: leaders, elections, rules and laws, helpers
- *New World: Pilgrims, Indians
- *Our World: map skills, continents, oceans, countries and cultures
- *French and Indian War
- *Colonial Period
- *Revolutionary War time period
- *Presidents and Patriots: a study of US history using early Presidents, and founding fathers

Geography is interwoven with the study of history, and review questions throughout the text help to test comprehension. Pilgrim and Indian Day is a celebration of the first Thanksgiving and a day to experience aspects of life in colonial America. Later in the year students may prepare a report and present a Living History Museum, portraying one of the important Americans we have studied.

Music

God created music as a gift for us. In turn, we must use it for Him. Music is a skill that must be trained and developed, and in doing so, students will learn music as an avenue to praise and worship God. Melody, harmony, and rhythm will be points of study, with a variety of instruments and resources being used to help enhance this program. Crosshill Christian School students will perform in the Christmas program and spring program.

Physical Education

Fitness and skill development are the primary goals of the P.E. program. Students participate in exercises to promote cardiovascular endurance, muscle strength and flexibility. Basic motor and manipulative skills are sequenced or combined for greater movement challenges. Games, relays, and drill are designed to enhance skill-related fitness or specific sport skills. Partner and group activities are used to meet growing social needs, while emphasizing individual development.

Technology/Computers

Chromebook labs are utilized throughout the Elementary department for a variety of educational enhancements. Chromebook usage and navigation are introduced, as well as the beginning word processing skills needed for a variety of school projects. A typing program is introduced, teaching students the correct finger placement for the keyboard.

ACSI Activities

Throughout the year there are opportunities for students to participate in various ACSI sponsored academic competitions with students from other Christian schools. Competitions at the classroom level select second grade representatives from CCS for the ACSI Spelling Bee and Speech Meet. More activities are available in the upper grades, beginning with the addition of the Math Olympics in third grade.