

SMCS Basic Curriculum Summary

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Kindergarten:

Bible: Purposeful Design Curriculum, ESV Bible Scripture memory (by grade & school), prayer throughout the day, weekly Chapel, service projects, and learn hymns & praise songs.

Language Arts: Saxon Phonics, spelling, manuscript, dictation, readers; intro to Writer's Workshop & teacher-created compositions focused on initial capitalization, ending punctuation, complete sentences, a Charlotte's Web diorama, simple oral and written book reports, learn 4 seasonal poems, and practice simple poetry formats.

Math: K/1st Grade BJU Math, 4th ed. with some Saxon concepts.

Science: Apologia Astronomy, Health and Body.

Social Studies: Explore "Community Helpers," towns, cities, states, countries, seasonal celebrations and intro to directional maps (N,E,S,W).

Enrichment: Art, Library & PE once a week, and recess daily.

Charlotte Mason Influences:

Read Alouds: "Charlotte's Web", "Mother Goose" & other "living books."

Artist: Van Gogh

Composer: Vivaldi

Nature Study Notebook: 4 seasons of a dogwood tree

Garden: Wildflowers

Oral Narration, outdoor classes, use of the Playscape, focus on positive habits, Friday all school recess, and K/4th Read.

Hands-on Field Trips: Ignis glass blowing, WRES Fire Prevention, Visit with an EMT, Old McDonald Farm, Mushroom Rock Hike, CDM "Magnetic Magnets" or "Simple Machines at Work", TNAQU "No bones about it," TN Valley RR, and Lula Lake. (Many may have changed due to global pandemic or curriculum changes.)

First Grade:

Bible: Purposeful Design Curriculum, Bible scripture memory (by grade & school), prayer throughout the day, weekly Chapel, service projects, and learn hymns & praise music.

Language Arts: Saxon Phonics for spelling, manuscript, dictation, readers; Writer's Workshop Units on Narratives & Informational/Biographies, teacher-created units focused on creative writing and initial capitalization, ending punctuation, complete sentences, varied, simple book reports, and poetry writings in simple formats.

Math: 2nd Grade BJU Math, 4th ed. with some Saxon concepts.

Science: Apologia General Science with many applicable field trips.

Social Studies: Understanding community helpers, broad overview of American history based on seasonal events, intro to maps skills with books & teacher-created materials, including mapping the inside of their classroom and school campus.

Enrichment: Art, Library & PE once a week, and recess daily.

Charlotte Mason Influences:

Read Alouds: "Peter Rabbit" and other "living books."

Artist: Beatrix Potter

Composer: Mozart

Nature Study Notebooks: used at least 4 times a year.

Garden: Butterfly

Oral narration, outdoor classes, use of the Playscape, focus on positive habits, and Friday all school recess.

Hands-on Field Trips: Hidden Hollow, Signal Mountain Nursery, WRES Fire Prevention, Visit with an EMT, Red Clay Park, CDM "Machines at Work" or "Magnetic Magnets," a butterfly study, Chattanooga Zoo, TN River Gardens, and Lula Lake. (Many may have changed due to global pandemic or curriculum changes.)

Second Grade:

Bible: Purposeful Design Curriculum, NIV Bible Scripture memory (by grade & school), prayer throughout the day, weekly Chapel, service projects, and learn hymns & praise music.

Language Arts: Saxon Phonics for spelling, manuscript, dictation, readers; Writer's Workshop for creative writing, narratives, lab reports & poetry; Shurley Grammar for nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, initial capitalization, ending punctuation, structured paragraph; journaling, Guided Literature group studies of: "Sarah Plain & Tall" & "Skylark," and writing a variety of book reports.

Math: 3rd Grade BJU Math, 4th ed., and some Saxon concepts.

Science: Apologia Zoology Land Animals (many projects and applicable field trips).

Social Studies: Exploring pioneer & agrarian life, oceans & continents through literature and teacher created-created materials, studying maps skills, and learning the compass rose and map legend, creating their own towns.

Enrichment: Art, Library & PE once a week, recess daily.

Charlotte Mason Influences:

Read Alouds: "Farmer Boy," books on Lewis and Clark and other "living books."

Artist: Monet

Composer: Tchaikovsky

Nature Study Notebooks: used at least 4 times a year

Garden: Sunflower

Oral narration, outdoor classes, use of the Playscape, focus on positive habits, and Friday all school recess.

Hands-On Field Trips: Children's Theatre, Mayfield Dairy, Pioneer Walker Day, The Nutcracker, CDM's "Water Cycle," a Post Office service project, Tellus Museum, and the Dude Ranch. (Many may have changed due to global pandemic or curriculum changes.)

Third Grade:

Bible: ACSI Curriculum, ESV Bible Scripture memory (by grade & school), prayer throughout the day, weekly Chapel, service projects, and learn hymns & praise music.

Language Arts: Cursive penmanship; ACSI Spelling Curriculum; Wordly Wise Vocabulary; Writer's Workshop for writing different types of 3 paragraph essays, including narrative, informative and persuasive forms;; weekly journaling; Shurley Grammar; weekly timed Read & Think; Open Court controlled readers, Reader's Handbook exercises, Literature group studies of: "Muggle Maggie," "I Survived the American Revolution," "Sarah Noble" & other books, often related to science or history, writing a variety of book reports and poetry formats.

Math: 4th Grade BJU Math, 4th ed., math manipulatives, some Saxon concepts, fact drills.

Science: Apologia Zoology Swimming Creatures (many projects and applicable field trips). Ponds, vertebrates and invertebrates.

History: U.S. history from the Explorers through the American Revolution from "Our Story of the World" & teacher-created materials, states & capitals, expand maps skills through ABekka & teacher-made materials, and building Jamestown.

Enrichment: Art, Library & PE once a week, and recess daily.

Charlotte Mason Influences:

Read Alouds: "The Trumpet of the Swan" and other "living books."

Artist: Surratt

Composer: Beethoven

Nature Study Notebooks: used at least 4 times a year.

Garden: Learn to compost and grow plants & vegetables

Oral narration, outdoor classes, use of the Playscape, focus on positive habits, and Friday all school recess.

Hands-On Field Trips: Cherokee Child, McCoy Day, Arbor Day planting, Native Americans, CDM's "Geology," TNAQU "Bones or Not," Crabtree Farms, and a Pond study. (Many may have changed due to global pandemic or curriculum changes.)

Fourth Grade:

Bible: ACSI Curriculum, intro to inductive Bible study; study about God's character, ESV Bible Scripture memory (by grade & school), prayer throughout the day, weekly Chapel, service projects, and learn hymns & praise music.

Language Arts: Note taking & outlining; ACSI Spelling Curriculum; Writer's Workshop; journaling/free write based on teacher prompts; Shurley Grammar; 3-5 paragraph essays; weekly timed Read & Think; Reader's Handbook exercises, Guided Literature group studies of: "Poppy" & other living books related to science or history, book reports, and a variety of poetry formats.

Math: 5th Grade BJU Math, 4th ed. Curriculum, use of manipulatives, fact drills.

Science: Apologia Zoology Flying Creatures Curriculum; Intro to Chemistry, and a science project using the Scientific Method.

History: Brief review of the American Revolution, a Civics Unit, and U.S. history through at least WWII, using "Our Story of the World," literature & teacher-created materials, maps skills with a focus on battles and other key historical events, and intro to a DBQ.

Keyboarding: Chromebooks provided; at-home keyboarding program, intro to power point & Google.docs.

Enrichment: Art, Library & PE once a week, and recess daily.

Charlotte Mason Influences:

Read Alouds: "Magician's Nephew," "Number the Stars," and other "living books."

Artist: Audubon

Composer: Copeland

Nature Study Notebooks: used at least 4 times a year.

Garden: Bird Sanctuary

Oral & written narration, outdoor classes, use of the Playscape, focus on positive habits, and Friday all school recess.

Hands-On Field Trips: Constitution Day, American Village, CDM's "Matter," UTC's Challenger Center, Civil War on Lookout Mtn, River City Kites, Fall visit for Raptors and Spring visit for Birding at the Nature Center, and the Medal of Honor Museum.

Fifth Grade:

Bible: Studies in Genesis, Psalms, & Paul's mission trips, ESV Bible Scripture memory (by grade & school), prayer throughout the day, weekly Chapel, service projects, learn hymns & praise music, and 5th Grade Chapel Talks.

Language Arts: Note taking, outlining & study skills; Writer's Workshop for creative writing; weekly journaling; Shurley Grammar; persuasive, expository, comparative, narrative a biographical 5 paragraph essays ; weekly timed Read & Think; Reader's Handbook exercises, Guided Literature group studies of: "The Golden Goblet" & other living books related to science or history, writing poetry, including odes & sonnets, and 5th Grade Wax Museum biography.

Math: 6th Grade BJU Math, 4th ed. Curriculum, use of manipulatives, fact drills, intro to calculators.

Science: Apologia Botany Curriculum, and teacher-created materials on Systems of the Human Body, Simple Machines, Circuitry, Rube Goldberg, and a Rube Goldberg science project.

History: Egypt, Greece & Rome from "Our Story of the World," literature & teacher-created materials, maps skills on these civilizations & Paul's mission trips, 2 DBQs: the Nile River & Alexander the Great, and a Venn diagram comparison of Sparta vs Athens.

Keyboarding: Chromebooks provided; use of Google.docs & power point.

Enrichment: Art, Library & PE once a week, and recess daily.

Charlotte Mason Influences:

Read Alouds: "Jacob I Have Loved" and other "living books."

Artists: da Vinci & Michelangelo

Composer: Verdi

Nature Study Notebooks: used at least 4 times a year.

Garden: Herbs

Oral & written narration, outdoor classes, use of the Playscape, focus on positive habits, and Friday all school recess.

Hands-On Field Trips: Arney Guess Goldsmith, Hunter Museum, Community Kitchen, Scenic City Clay Arts, CDM's "Electrifying Experiences," and an Atlanta Trip: Carlos Museum & Stone Mountain.

Schoolwide Student Events

Because we teach to the “whole child,” we consider these events part of curriculum:

All school recess on Fridays

K/4th Read on Fridays

Reformation Day

Missions Week

Service Days

ArtsFest

Christmas Program

Christmas Around the World

5th Grade Wax Museum

Grandparents’ Day

5th Grade Chapels

CSO Young People’s Concert

All School Field Day

Student Recognitions/Graduation

End of year Program/Picnic