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Christian Studies

4th Grade Christian Studies

The 4th-grade Christian Studies curriculum is designed with a dual purpose: to enhance students' proficiency in engaging with, studying, and applying Biblical texts and to facilitate a deeper understanding of the overarching message conveyed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By the end of the year, students are expected to develop not only a greater familiarity with the Bible but also an enriched comprehension of God's nature and the unique purpose He envisions for each individual. Throughout the course, learners are introduced to the concept that during His ministry, Jesus both affirmed and exemplified His divine and human nature. As students explore the narratives of Jesus' life, they are encouraged to move beyond mere recitation, engaging critically with the spiritual, historical, and foundational theological concepts presented in the Gospels and the broader biblical canon. This sustained inquiry fosters an ongoing exploration of how God reveals Himself to humanity, what He communicates about His own character, and the role that each person plays within His overarching narrative.

Christian Studies Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Summit Ministries Building on the Rock: Servanthood	Foundational Knowledge

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Christian Studies

5th Grade Christian Studies

Grades 5 and 6 follow a rotational model that spans two academic years and consistently guides students as they explore how God reveals Himself to His people, discloses His nature, and defines each individual's role within His narrative. In the first year, the curriculum focuses on Old Testament history and themes, with students critically examining the narrative of God's interactions with the ancient world and His preparation of a nation from which the Savior will arise. The course covers major epochs of Old Testament history, including creation, the fall, the establishment of early nations, the formation of God's chosen family, the exodus, the period of conquest and judges, the monarchy, the divided monarchy, the exile, the return, and the intertestamental period, while also tracing key themes such as covenant, sacrifice, promise, prophecy, and worship.

Christian Studies Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Summit Ministries Building on the Rock: Stewardship	Foundational Knowledge

6th Grade Christian Studies

Grades 5 and 6 follow a rotational model that spans two academic years and consistently guides students as they explore how God reveals Himself to His people, discloses His nature, and defines each individual's role within His narrative. In the first year, the curriculum focuses on Old Testament history and themes, with students critically examining the narrative of God's interactions with the ancient world and His preparation of a nation from which the Savior will arise. The course covers major epochs of Old Testament history, including creation, the fall, the establishment of early nations, the formation of God's chosen family, the exodus, the period of conquest and judges, the monarchy, the divided monarchy, the exile, the return, and the intertestamental period, while also tracing key themes such as covenant, sacrifice, promise, prophecy, and worship.

Christian Studies Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Summit Ministries Walking in Truth: The Christian Worldview	Foundational Knowledge

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Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music: Band 5

This course offers a foundational exploration of instrumental proficiency, musicianship, and core musical concepts. At its essence, mastering a musical instrument involves cultivating new cognitive and physical habits. Instruction is dedicated to developing proper playing posture and technique, achieving a characteristic tone, and establishing essential skills in music literacy, theoretical frameworks, aural perception, and performance practices.

5 th Grade Band Curricular Resource	
Resource	Description/Comments
Essential Elements by Hal Leonard Corporation	Instrumental Proficiency, Musicianship, and Core Musical Concepts for each Specific Instrument

Instrumental Music: Band 6

This course builds upon foundational instrumental and musical skills, emphasizing the continued development of technical proficiency, ensemble performance, and live presentation abilities. As students gain greater familiarity with their instruments, they are challenged to refine their playing technique while enhancing their capacity to perform collaboratively within an ensemble setting. Instruction prioritizes broader musical concepts and theoretical understanding over isolated instrumental techniques. The repertoire expands to incorporate more complex compositions and diverse stylistic elements, fostering a deeper appreciation for musical interpretation. By the course's conclusion, students will have acquired a comprehensive introduction to fundamental aspects of musicianship.

6 th Grade Band Curricular Resource	
Resource	Description/Comments
Essential Elements by Hal Leonard Corporation	Instrumental Proficiency, Musicianship, and Core Musical Concepts for each Specific Instrument

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Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music: String Orchestra

5th Grade String Orchestra

The 5th grade String Orchestra course serves as an introductory exploration of instrumental mastery, musicianship, and fundamental musical concepts. Central to this experience is the development of both mental and physical habits essential to proficient instrument playing. Instruction prioritizes the establishment of proper playing posture and technique, cultivation of characteristic tonal qualities, and foundational proficiencies in music literacy, theoretical understanding, aural discrimination, and performance practices.

5 th Grade String Orchestra Curricular Resource	
Resource	Description/Comments
Essential Elements by Hal Leonard Corporation	Instrumental Proficiency, Musicianship, and Core Musical Concepts for each Specific Instrument

6th Grade String Orchestra

The 6th grade String Orchestra course builds on foundational instrumental proficiency, musicianship, and musical theory learned in 5th grade. As students gain greater fluency with their instruments, they are exposed to a broader range of pitches and rhythms, facilitating both individual performance and ensemble participation in live settings. The repertoire diversifies, incorporating more intricate compositions and a wider array of stylistic approaches. By course completion, students have received a comprehensive introduction to the essential elements of musicianship, providing a strong basis for future musical development.

6 th Grade String Orchestra Curricular Resource	
Resource	Description/Comments
Essential Elements by Hal Leonard Corporation	Instrumental Proficiency, Musicianship, and Core Musical Concepts for each Specific Instrument

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Mathematics

4th Grade Math

Topics include: place value for multi-digit whole numbers: finding patterns, rounding, comparing; multi-digit arithmetic using mental math and estimation strategies; factors and multiples, prime and composite numbers; analyzing data and determining probability; adding, subtracting, and renaming equivalent fractions, improper fractions, and mixed numbers; decimals to hundredths: finding patterns, rounding, comparing, adding, subtracting, and converting decimals to fractions; geometry: angles, lines, properties of shapes, area and perimeter, symmetry, and tessellations. Measurement is integrated into both math and science.

Math 4 Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
HMH Into Math	Comprehensive Resource for Students to Learn Mathematical Concepts, Explanations of Key Ideas, Worked Examples, Practice Problems
HMH Waggle	Digital Learning Program that provides Personalized Instruction and Practice Aligned with Individual MAP Performance.
IXL Learning	Digital Learning Program that Helps Build Confidence and Fluency with Mathematical Concepts Learned in Class.

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Mathematics

5th Grade Math 5

This college-preparatory mathematics course provides a comprehensive foundation in numerical operations, algebraic reasoning, geometry, and data analysis, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Instruction emphasizes the writing and interpretation of numerical expressions, pattern analysis, and the application of place value concepts to perform complex operations with multi-digit whole numbers and decimals to the hundredths place. Students engage in fractional arithmetic, utilizing equivalent fractions to add and subtract fractions and extending prior knowledge of multiplication and division to multiply and divide fractions with fluency.

In data representation and geometric measurement, students interpret and analyze data sets, develop an understanding of volume as a measurable attribute, and explore its mathematical relationships to multiplication and addition. Coordinate plane graphing is introduced as a tool for solving real-world and mathematical problems, while classification of two-dimensional figures is approached through an analysis of their properties and defining characteristics. This rigorous curriculum equips students with essential mathematical competencies in an engaging and age-appropriate learning environment.

Math 5 Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
HMH Into Math	Comprehensive Resource for Students to Learn Mathematical Concepts, Explanations of Key Ideas, Worked Examples, Practice Problems
HMH Waggle	Digital Learning Program that provides Personalized Instruction and Practice Aligned with Individual MAP Performance.
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Mathematics

5th Grade Honors Math

This advanced and accelerated mathematics course for students that enjoy independently solving complex problems and that the proven ability to quickly grasp new information. The course integrates 5th-grade and half of the standard 6th-grade curricula, providing a rigorous foundation in numerical operations, algebraic reasoning, ratio analysis, geometry, and rational number systems. Students engage in the writing and interpretation of numerical expressions, develop fluency in pattern analysis and relationships, and extend their arithmetic foundations to algebraic expressions. Mastery of whole number and decimal operations is reinforced while introducing ratio concepts and proportional reasoning as problem-solving strategies. Building upon prior knowledge, students multiply and divide fractions with increased complexity and expand their understanding of number systems to include rational numbers and their operations—applying addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to both fractions and rational values. In geometric measurement, emphasis is placed on volume concepts and their relationships to multiplication and addition, as well as two-dimensional figure classification based on properties. Students apply coordinate plane graphing techniques to solve real-world and mathematical problems and develop proficiency in area, surface area, and volume calculations within real-world contexts. This grade level accelerated curriculum cultivates higher-order thinking, problem-solving agility, and mathematical fluency, preparing students for rigorous coursework in 6th grade.

Math 5 Preliminary Curricular Resources	
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HMH Into Math	Comprehensive Resource for Students to Learn Mathematical Concepts, Explanations of Key Ideas, Worked Examples, Practice Problems
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Mathematics

6th Grade Math 6

This college-preparatory mathematics course provides a rigorous foundation in numerical operations, algebraic reasoning, geometry, and statistical analysis, emphasizing conceptual understanding and procedural fluency. Students develop a deep comprehension of ratio concepts and percent applications, extend their arithmetic proficiency to fraction-by-fraction division, and master multi-digit decimal operations, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Fundamental number theory principles such as common factors and multiples are explored, alongside an in-depth study of rational numbers, their representation on the number line, and their relationship to integer coordinates in the Cartesian plane. Students engage in operations with integers, including their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, while also learning to compare and order rational numbers. Algebraic foundations are strengthened through the reading, writing, and evaluation of expressions, solving one- and two-step equations and one-step inequalities, and analyzing dependent and independent variable relationships within mathematical models. In geometry, students apply problem-solving strategies to calculate area, surface area, and volume across various contexts. Additionally, the course fosters statistical literacy by developing an understanding of statistical variability, data distributions, and methods for summarizing and interpreting data. This comprehensive curriculum equips students with the analytical and problem-solving skills essential for success in higher-level mathematics.

Math 6 Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
HMH Into Math	Comprehensive Resource for Students to Learn Mathematical Concepts, Explanations of Key Ideas, Worked Examples, Practice Problems
HMH Waggle	Digital Learning Program that provides Personalized Instruction and Practice Aligned with Individual MAP Performance.

6th Grade Honors Math

This advanced, multi-grade level mathematics course is designed for students with demonstrated ability and a strong aptitude for abstract reasoning, independent learning, and rapid conceptual mastery. The curriculum emphasizes proportional reasoning, equipping students to analyze and apply proportional relationships in both real-world and mathematical contexts. Building on prior arithmetic foundations, students extend their understanding of

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rational numbers, mastering operations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, while applying properties of operations to generate equivalent algebraic expressions. Students engage in problem-solving through numerical and algebraic expressions and equations, developing strategies to model and solve both real-life and mathematical problems. In geometry, they explore the construction, properties, and interrelationships of geometric figures while applying these principles to problems involving angle measures, area, surface area, and volume. The course also introduces statistical reasoning, guiding students through random sampling techniques to draw inferences about populations. Additionally, students delve into probability theory, investigating chance processes and developing, utilizing, and critically evaluating probability models.

This rigorous curriculum fosters high-level analytical thinking, problem-solving agility, and mathematical fluency, preparing students for accelerated advancement in pre-algebra and other higher-level mathematics.

Math 6 Preliminary Curricular Resources	
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HMH Into Math	Comprehensive Resource for Students to Learn Mathematical Concepts, Explanations of Key Ideas, Worked Examples, Practice Problems
HMH Waggle	Digital Learning Program that provides Personalized Instruction and Practice Aligned with Individual MAP Performance.

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Mathematics

6th Grade Pre-Algebra (Additional Fees Required)

This double-accelerated mathematics course is designed for students who demonstrate a strong aptitude for advanced mathematical reasoning, possess the ability to independently and rapidly master new concepts, and actively seek opportunities to engage with challenging mathematical content beyond the standard curriculum. Admission to the course requires exceptional performance on assessments and a proven ability to engage in independent learning. Delivered in a hybrid format, the course is completed online during the second half of the academic year while students concurrently participate in Honors Math coursework in a traditional classroom setting. Enrollment requires an additional course fee.

The curriculum provides a rigorous exploration of the real number system, emphasizing the properties and applications of rational and irrational numbers. Students develop proficiency in algebraic reasoning, solving one-variable equations and inequalities, and analyzing quantitative relationships between dependent and independent variables. A strong emphasis is placed on proportional relationships and their connections to linear functions, including graphical analysis and solving systems of linear equations. Students further investigate bivariate data and explore patterns of association in relation to linear functions.

In geometry, students examine the distinctions between congruence and similarity, apply the Pythagorean Theorem in problem-solving contexts, and calculate the volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres in real-world mathematical applications. Additionally, the course introduces probability theory, covering both simple and compound probability. This intensive and self-directed learning experience cultivates advanced mathematical fluency, abstract reasoning, and problem-solving agility, preparing students for Algebra 1 in 7th grade.

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Reading Literacy

4th Grade Reading Literacy

In this course, students develop robust reading confidence through guided instruction, independent reading, and deliberate practice. The curriculum emphasizes nonfiction text features, diverse comprehension strategies, and critical thinking skills through novels, nonfiction works, and traditional literature. Each literary work is supported by targeted vocabulary, comprehension, and writing activities, with reinforcement of vocabulary instruction. Additionally, opportunities to read for pleasure cultivate a lifelong passion for reading, equipping students with the skills needed for academic and real-world success.

4 TH Grade Reading Literacy Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Wordly Wise 3000	Vocabulary Development
IXL Learning	Digital Learning Program that Helps Build Confidence and Fluency with Language Arts Concepts Learned in Class
Scholastic News	Non-fiction Text Discussion and Analysis
Novels	The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White, George Washington's Socks by Elvira Woodruff, The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis, History Smashers: The Titanic by Kate Messner

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Reading Literacy

5TH Grade Reading Literacy

Students develop reading, writing, and oral communication expertise through a combination of guided instruction, intentional practice, and independent reading. A diverse array of informational and literary texts spans multiple genres, providing opportunities for students to refine their reading comprehension abilities. They enhance reading fluency, set clear purposes for reading, make predictions, and analyze texts for both literal and inferential meanings. Vocabulary acquisition is supported through contextual learning and a dedicated vocabulary program that includes the study of prefixes, suffixes, word analysis, and context clues.

5 TH Grade Reading Literacy Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Wordly Wise 3000	Vocabulary Development
IXL Learning	Digital Learning Program that Helps Build Confidence and Fluency with Language Arts Concepts Learned in Class
Scholastic Storyworks	Text Discussion and Analysis
Novels	Because of Winn-Dixie, How to Steal a Dog, The Lion of Mars, Wonder, A Night Divided, From An Idea To...Lego, Disney, Nike, Google

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Reading Literacy

6th Grade Reading Literacy

In this course, students refine their communication skills through an integrated approach encompassing reading, writing, collaboration, and presentation. Literary exploration spans multiple genres, including informational texts, poetry, and various subgenres of fiction, fostering analytical and interpretive skills. Reading instruction emphasizes critical thinking by distinguishing fact from opinion, utilizing context clues, analyzing point of view, identifying narrative and character elements, and drawing comparisons across texts and media formats.

6 th Grade Reading Literacy Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Wordly Wise 3000	Vocabulary Development
Novels	Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli, Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis, Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne, Lit Circle Choices: Echo by Pam Elisa Brent Weissman, Nowhere Boy by Katherine March , Refugee 87 by Ele Fountain. Summer Reading: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis.

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Science

4th Grade Science

This course is designed to cultivate a scientific mindset by engaging students in a systematic process of inquiry and problem-solving. Throughout the academic year, students utilize the scientific design process that involves formulating questions, defining problems, constructing models, conducting investigations, analyzing data, designing solutions, and communicating their findings. The curriculum addresses a broad range of topics that includes Earth’s surface, electricity, energy transfer, matter, and Earth’s living history.

Science Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Discovery Education	Digital Resource used for Foundational Knowledge and Concept Exploration
FOSS Next Generation	Foundational Knowledge and Concept Exploration

5th Grade Science

This course is designed to foster a scientific mindset by engaging students in a systematic process of inquiry and problem solving. Over the academic year, learners employ a rigorous scientific design process that encompasses the formulation of insightful questions, definition of problems, the construction of conceptual models, systematic investigations, detailed data analysis, the design of innovative solutions, and the effective communication of their findings. Core topics include cycles and patterns in the solar system, the interplay of light, sound and motion, and the intricate interconnections within ecosystems.

Science Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Discovery Education	Digital Resource used for Foundational Knowledge and Concept Exploration
FOSS Next Generation	Foundational Knowledge and Concept Exploration

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Science

6TH Grade Science

In this course students engage both independently and collaboratively to investigate the systems and interactions of matter and energy that define our planet and its environment. The course encompasses a broad array of topics, including the composition of matter and molecules, the hydrologic cycle, atmospheric dynamics and climate, soil, minerals, rocks and the rock cycle, plate tectonics, seasonal variations, and lunar phases. Emulating the investigative practices of professional scientists, students pose questions, formulate hypotheses, design and execute experiments, analyze data, represent findings graphically, and draw evidence-based conclusions while effectively communicating their results. In addition, they study and interpret models and historical evidence that have shaped scientific thought and technological innovation, integrating theological concepts along with reading, writing, and mathematics skills. The curriculum is structured to refine problem-solving abilities within an interactive and experiential learning environment that highlights God’s hand in all creation.

Science Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Discovery Education	Digital Resource used for Foundational Knowledge and Concept Exploration
Issues and Earth Science: Land, Water, and Human Interactions by SEPUP	Foundational Knowledge and Concept Exploration

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Social Studies

4th Grade Social Studies

The 4th Grade Social Studies Standards encompass History, Geography, Government, and Economics, fostering a comprehensive understanding of historical, geographical, political, and economic systems in both local and national contexts. Students examine Ohio history, including Indigenous cultures, European exploration, settlement, and key events shaping statehood, such as the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, with an emphasis on analyzing primary and secondary sources. Geographic studies focus on physical and human landscapes, natural resources, population, and the impact of human activity over time, while reinforcing map skills and regional awareness. Government instruction delves into the purpose, structure, and functions of government, emphasizing the branches, citizens' rights, responsibilities, voting, and the role of laws in a democratic society. In economics, students investigate industrial and agricultural development, trade, supply and demand, and production. Through critical thinking and inquiry-based learning, these standards cultivate connections between historical events and contemporary civic life in Ohio, equipping students with analytical skills to understand various factors shaping their world.

4 th Grade Social Studies Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Savvas My World Social Studies	Foundational Knowledge and Concept Exploration

5th Grade Social Studies

The 5th Grade Social Studies curriculum encompasses History, Geography, Government, and Economics, fostering critical thinking and inquiry-based learning through chronological reasoning, spatial analysis, and economic decision-making. Historical studies focus on arranging events using B.C./A.D. or B.C.E./C.E. and interpreting data from graphs to analyze societal trends. Geographical concepts emphasize the use of maps, globes, and geographic tools to study people, places, and environments, including the impact of latitude and longitude on climate and the identification of states and regions within the United States. In economics, students explore the role of entrepreneurs, the significance of productive resources, and the effects of supply, demand, and competition on market prices. They learn about financial literacy, weighing costs and benefits in consumer choices, and the interdependence of regions through trade and specialization. Civic participation is reinforced by evaluating public issues using multiple sources and recognizing cultural diversity in the Western Hemisphere through historical influences, migration, and social, economic, and environmental factors. These integrated concepts provide students with a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of history, geography, and economic systems in shaping societies past and present.

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5 th Grade Social Studies Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Savvas My World Social Studies	Foundational Knowledge and Concept Exploration

6th Grade Social Studies

The 6th Grade Social Studies curriculum explores the development of early civilizations and cultures through the lenses of history, geography, government, and economics, emphasizing historical thinking, spatial analysis, and economic decision-making. Students critically evaluate historical and contemporary sources for accuracy and credibility, use geographic tools such as maps and timelines to analyze historical events, and examine the impact of physical environments on human activities. The study of early civilizations—including Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome—highlights their unique governments, economies, religions, technologies, agricultural practices, and social structures, as well as their lasting influence on the modern Eastern Hemisphere. Students also investigate how political, environmental, social, and economic factors drive the movement of people, goods, and ideas, leading to cultural diffusion and global interdependence. Government studies focus on different forms of governance, including monarchies, democracies, dictatorships, and theocracies, while exploring the relationship between authority and citizen participation. Economic concepts such as scarcity, specialization, supply and demand, and global trade are examined through decision-making frameworks, reinforcing financial literacy and entrepreneurial thinking. Throughout the course, students explore the complexities of human societies across time and place.

5 th Grade Social Studies Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
History Alive: The Ancient World and My World History: Early Ages	Foundational Knowledge and Concept Exploration

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Spanish

4th Grade Spanish

The 4th Grade Spanish curriculum serves as an introductory course centered on foundational vocabulary acquisition and cultural exploration. Instruction is structured around thematic units, including introductory linguistic concepts (alphabet, numbers, time, and creation-related vocabulary), greetings and calendar review, and seasonal and cultural studies such as Hispanic Heritage Month and Christmas traditions in Puerto Rico. Additional units focus on health and nutrition, incorporating vocabulary related to food, restaurant etiquette, and market interactions, as well as personal identity and family descriptions. The curriculum is delivered through a teacher-developed instructional framework, integrating interactive digital resources and experiential learning activities. Emphasis is placed on communicative competence, cultural appreciation, and foundational literacy in Spanish, the course provides a scaffolded approach to language acquisition through dynamic, multi-modal learning experiences.

Spanish Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Bilingual Bible	Read and understand scripture in both Spanish and English
Passport to Spanish	Foundational Spanish vocabulary acquisition and cultural understanding
Quizlet	Digital resource used acquire and retain vocabulary
Lumio	Digital resource used to learn foundational skills
Study Stack	Digital resource used to acquire and retain vocabulary

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Spanish

5th Grade Spanish

The 5th Grade Spanish curriculum builds upon foundational linguistic skills by reinforcing essential phonetic, grammatical, and conversational structures introduced in Grade 4. Students begin with a comprehensive review of core concepts, including the alphabet, pronunciation, numbers, colors, and the calendar system (days of the week and months of the year). As they advance, learners engage in practical dialogue exercises, using common greetings to facilitate discussions about personal identity, physical and personality traits, weather forecasting, and temporal concepts.

Vocabulary expansion is central to this course, with thematic units covering classroom objects, family relationships (immediate and extended), and personal interests. Students develop their communicative competence through structured oral and written practice, including prayers in Spanish and guided dialogues that incorporate key verbs. This curriculum emphasizes functional fluency, equipping students with the foundational skills necessary for more advanced Spanish language acquisition in subsequent years.

Spanish Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Bilingual Bible	Read and understand scripture in both Spanish and English
Passport to Spanish	Foundational Spanish vocabulary acquisition and cultural understanding
Quizlet	Digital resource used acquire and retain vocabulary
Lumio	Digital resource used to learn foundational skills
Study Stack	Digital resource used to acquire and retain vocabulary

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Spanish

6th Grade Spanish

The 6th Grade Spanish curriculum builds upon foundational linguistic structures by reinforcing key phonetic, grammatical, and conversational skills introduced in Grade 5. Students begin with a structured review of prior concepts before advancing to expanded vocabulary acquisition in thematic areas such as body parts, sports, food, dining etiquette (place settings, dinner conversations, and restaurant ordering), clothing, buildings, and community spaces. Emphasis is placed on grammatical precision, including definite and indefinite articles, noun-adjective agreement, and verb phrases, with targeted practice in eye-to-letter accuracy, pronunciation, intonation, and structured word drills. Throughout the course, students apply their growing linguistic proficiency through detailed calendar discussions, time-telling exercises, prayer recitations, and immersive learning experiences, including church skits and role-play scenarios, fostering both linguistic confidence and both cultural and Biblical engagement.

Spanish Preliminary Curricular Resources	
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Bilingual Bible	Read and understand scripture in both Spanish and English
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Technology & Design Thinking (TDT)

4th Grade TDT

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to essential computer literacy skills within a Windows-based computing environment. Key topics include managing institutional accounts, effectively navigating the Learning Management System (LMS), and understanding principles of online safety and digital citizenship. Students will develop proficiency in research methodologies, foundational coding concepts, and keyboarding techniques. The curriculum also incorporates training in productivity tools such as Microsoft PowerPoint, as well as exposure to LEGO stop-motion videography, basic programming, and introduction to Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software. By the end of the course, students will have acquired fundamental digital competencies necessary for academic and professional success.

4 th Grade Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Canvas	CHCA Learning Management Software
Office 365 Applications	Professional Email and Productivity and Design Applications
CHCA Library Database/ Info Ohio Database	Library book database for Upper E and other literacy resources
Typing Club and Typing.com	Keyboarding test and Practice
TinkerCad	3D modeling and fabrication tool
Scratch	Online Coding Platform
Makecode	Online Coding Platform
Stop-Motion Application	iPad app for creating and editing stop motion video
Canva Education	Online digital design tool
Minecraft Education Edition	Education version of Minecraft used for teaching coding and digital Citizenship
WeVideo	Video Editing
Sphero Bolt Bot	Programmable arobot

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Technology & Design Thinking (TDT)

5th Grade TDT

This course provides students with essential digital literacy and productivity skills, including navigating online networks, managing school email accounts, and developing proficiency in document creation and formatting, particularly using Excel. Students will enhance their file management and keyboarding abilities while exploring key aspects of online safety, digital citizenship, and advanced search techniques. Additionally, the curriculum introduces intermediate coding and programming, guiding students in the transition from block-based coding to text-based syntax. Further, students will gain hands-on experience with presentation software, video editing techniques, and 3D modeling and printing, all within the framework of the design thinking process.

5 th Grade Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Canvas	CHCA Learning Management Software
Office 365 Applications	Professional Email and Productivity and Design Applications
CHCA Library Database/ Info Ohio Database	Library book database for Upper E and other literacy resources
Typing Club and Typing.com	Keyboarding test and Practice
TinkerCad	3D modeling and fabrication tool
Scratch	Online Coding Platform
Makecode	Online Coding Platform
Stop-Motion Application	iPad app for creating and editing stop motion video
Canva Education	Online digital design tool
Minecraft Education Edition	Education version of Minecraft used for teaching coding and digital Citizenship
Micro:Bit	Microcontroller
WeVideo	Video Editing
BitsBox	Simplified JavaScript Programming

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Technology & Design Thinking (TDT)

6th Grade TDT

This course builds upon foundational digital skills, emphasizing efficient navigation of online networks and the Learning Management System (LMS). Students will deepen their understanding of digital citizenship and fundamental cybersecurity principles while refining their file management, keyboarding, and typing proficiency. The curriculum advances their knowledge of Excel, programming languages such as Python and JavaScript, and Computer-Aided Design (CAD) for 3D modeling within the design thinking framework. Additionally, students will develop competencies in video production, including post-production and editing techniques, equipping them with essential digital media skills.

6 th Grade Preliminary List of Course Resources*	
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Canvas	CHCA Learning Management Software
Office 365 Applications	Professional Email and Productivity and Design Applications
CHCA Library Database/ Info Ohio Database	Library book database for Upper E and other literacy resources
Typing Club and Typing.com	Keyboarding test and Practice
TinkerCad	3D modeling and fabrication tool
Scratch	Online Coding Platform
Makecode	Online Coding Platform
Stop-Motion Application	iPad app for creating and editing stop motion video
Canva Education	Online digital design tool
Minecraft Education Edition	Education version of Minecraft used for teaching coding and digital Citizenship
WeVideo	Video Editing

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Technology & Design Thinking (TDT)

Robotics 4-6

The Upper Elementary Robotics program for grades 4 through 6 emphasizes the development of computational thinking, introducing students to block-based coding with a gradual progression toward written programming syntax. Additionally, the program enhances engineering and design thinking capabilities through hands-on experience with computer-aided design (CAD) software and the practical application of 3D printing technology.

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Visual Art

4th, 5th & 6th Grade Visual Art Course Overview

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of artists who have employed distinct styles in their creative works. Students engage in hands-on experimentation with a diverse range of materials and techniques foundational to visual art in the styles of the artists being studied. This includes drawing with pencil, marker, oil crayon, and chalk pastel; sculptural exploration through clay modeling and paper folding for three-dimensional compositions; and fiber arts applications such as basic sewing and weaving. Additionally, students develop proficiency in printmaking, mixed media integration, and painting with watercolor and tempera. Through the study of both historical and contemporary artists, students refine their technical skills and conceptual understanding, fostering the ability to create original works of art.

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Writing Literacy

4th Grade Writing Literacy

In the fourth grade writing curriculum, students engage in daily, immersive workshops designed to cultivate advanced literacy and communication skills. This course explores the critical components of effective writing, which include robust idea generation, coherent organization, and dynamic lexical choices, while encouraging practice across diverse genres such as narrative, persuasive, and expository forms. The program further refines writing mechanics through targeted grammar and spelling instruction, hands-on practice in both cursive handwriting and digital typing, and a phonics-based approach that elucidates underlying word patterns. Additionally, students are provided with multiple opportunities to enhance their communicative competence through peer review, digital presentations, structured classroom debates, and the exchange of constructive feedback. Together, these approaches cultivate not only mastery of writing skills but also a genuine passion for the craft. As students advance, they build confidence and evolve into articulate communicators, prepared to address both academic demands and real-world challenges.

4 th Grade Writing Literacy Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Zaner-Bloser Spelling Connections	Phonemic Awareness and Spelling Patterns
Shurley English	Sentence Structure and Usage
IXL Learning	Digital Learning Program that Helps Build Confidence and Fluency with Language Arts Concepts Learned in Class

5th Grade Writing Literacy

This course examines the essential components of effective writing, emphasizing robust idea generation, coherent organization, and practice across diverse genres such as narrative, opinion, and informative essays. Instruction focuses on structuring main ideas with supporting details, discerning audience and writer's voice, and engaging in an iterative process of editing and revision to produce well-crafted summaries, essays, reports, and digital communications. Grammar, usage, and mechanics are developed through explicit instruction combined with applied practice using both direct teaching and online tools. Additionally, students further refine their writing proficiency through targeted lessons in grammar and spelling, traditional writing, and digital typing, while enhancing their communicative competence through peer review, digital presentations, structured classroom debates, and constructive feedback.

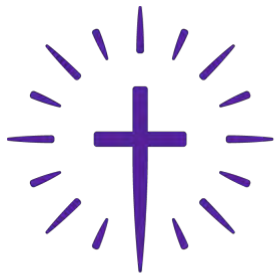
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5 th Grade Writing Literacy Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Zaner-Bloser Spelling Connections	Phonemic Awareness and Spelling Patterns
Shurley English	Sentence Structure and Usage
IXL Learning	Digital Learning Program that Helps Build Confidence and Fluency with Language Arts Concepts Learned in Class

6th Grade Writing Literacy

6th grade writing instruction encompasses the composition of narrative, informative, and argumentative pieces, as well as literary analysis, fostering clarity, coherence, and stylistic development. Grammar, mechanics, and language conventions are reinforced through direct instruction and applied within the writing process. Students curate their most exemplary work into the Upper Elementary Writing Anthology, a multi-year portfolio (Grades 4-6) that showcases their growth and achievements across diverse written forms.

6 th Grade Writing Literacy Preliminary Curricular Resources	
Resource	Description/Comments
Zaner-Bloser Spelling Connections	Phonemic Awareness and Spelling Patterns
IXL Learning	Digital Learning Program used to build confidence and skill mastery in grammar.



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