



Sonshine Christian Elementary & Middle School Curriculum 2024-25

Math:

- Kindergarten and First Grade- Little Minds at Work by Tara West:** It is designed to meet the needs of all students through whole-group and small-group instruction. Students learn the math concepts through hands-on learning.
- Second Grade- Math Made Fun:** Students learn 2nd grade math concepts through fun and engaging hands-on experiences. Each lesson is designed to meet students at their level.
- Third and Fourth Grade- The Simplified Math:** It offers effective and engaging lessons to help students learn the variety of math concepts taught in 3rd and 4th grades.
- Middle School- Beyond the Worksheet:** This was written and developed by a former middle school math teacher. Students learn math concepts through note-taking, interactive notebooks, and practice sheets.
- Supplemental materials: Splash Math, Freckle by Renaissance,** hands-on manipulatives, and math stations.

Science/Health:

- Kindergarten-8th grade- Discovering God's World:** This curriculum is a Christian based curriculum that presents science and health concepts related to nature and our bodies. Hands-on learning is also an integral part of our science curriculum with all grades participating in **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities.
- 5th-8th Grades:** Several Project Based Learning (PBL) units are conducted throughout the year to promote hands-on, 21st-century learning opportunities connected to Science standards.
- Supplemental materials- God's World** enhances students' learning and connect it to the real world and current news.

Social Studies:

- 2nd/3rd Grades-Heritage Studies:** This curriculum and other supplemental materials are used to teach students about world locations, famous people of the world, and the United States, and other topics.
- 3rd/4th Grades-The History of Our United States** American history is presented to your child in an interesting way through the narrative format of *The History of Our United States*. Students

learn about the discoveries, innovations, documents, wars, and people that have played a part in establishing America's greatness. Charts of states and Presidents plus foundational documents such as the Preamble to the Constitution, the First Amendment, the Gettysburg Address, and more are included.

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Reading:

- Kindergarten-2nd Grade—UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute):** This curriculum has been developed through research-based practices. It is designed to help teach foundational phonics and spelling skills (K-2). **Heggerty**, an effective and engaging phonemic awareness instruction that helps students to blend and segment, rhyme, understand syllables, as well as adding and removing sounds in a word (K/1).
- Kindergarten-4th Grade-Journeys:** This curriculum integrates all of the language arts around weekly themes using trade books. Students learn to read using a combination of phonics and sight words.
- The Daily Five:** is also used each day. The term "The Daily Five" refers to the five choices that the students will be able to choose from once the program is up and running. Each school day, students spend between one hour and an hour and a half working the Daily Five/Readers Workshop module. First, they will do a whole group lesson on topics including reading strategies, spelling, vocabulary, grammar, and writing. After the whole group lesson, students will break up into groups and do 2-3 sessions of Daily Five choices. During the group time, the teacher will also be pulling students to work in small groups or sometimes individually on reading skills and assessments. All students also have access to our wonderful library, online resources such as EPIC, and many more materials.
- 5th-8th Grades-Engage NY:** This curriculum engages students in hands-on, collaborative, and enticing lessons. Each lesson plan follows the Marzano module completely. Students are exposed to different types of reading materials and novels. They get to practice writing styles connected to their reading.

Bible:

- Kindergarten-8th Grade- Purposeful Design:** *Purposeful Design* uses a variety of teaching tools to introduce students to the stories in the Bible, including : posters, individual student books, CDs, activities, and more.

Writing:

- Kindergarten-2nd grade- *Handwriting Without Tears***
- Grades 3 and 4-*A Reason for Writing***
- Kindergarten and 1st-grade- **Deanna Jump**:** students participate in a Writer's Workshop where students do whole group lessons, small group lessons and individual conferences using mentor texts.
- Second-fifth- *Journeys*:** The mechanics of writing are taught during Daily Five, using our *Journeys* curriculum.

- Second-fourth- Not So Wimpy Writing:** All students learn the writing process (prewrite, draft, edit, revise, and publish).
- Fifth- 8th- Engage NY ELA:** are practicing writing styles and techniques using the curriculum.

Typing:

- Kindergarten-8th-** All grades learn the mechanics of typing/keyboarding skills using the **Computer Science** curriculum (Kindergarten-4th grade) and (5th-8th grades). In addition, students will learn how to be good citizens on computers through Digital Citizenship lessons. Grades 3 and up have their own Chromebooks and will learn how to use Google Classroom, Google Slides, and Google Docs to enhance their learning in all curricular areas.