

## **TDA Elementary Class Descriptions**

### **M/T/W/TH MORNINGS: (with lunch & morning recess)**

Assembly (8:00-8:30): Every day, both students and teachers gather for a time of adoration and worship. Students learn to hear the Lord and draw near to Him in worship and prayer, recognizing their ability to change things on earth as they pray to their Father in Heaven. Our elementary chaplain facilitates this time of corporate worship and prayer (led by student worship teams), along with guest speakers, bringing words of encouragement to our elementary students.

### **Mathematics (8:30-9:45)**

- Math Concepts: Following the Abeka math scope and sequence (for Kindergarten), and the Bob Jones Math Scope and Sequence for Grades 1-5, students are explicitly taught grade-level concepts, exploring them with hands-on manipulatives and games, and reviewing concepts previously learned. Students are given the chance to practice the concepts independently, in partner groups, and at home.
- Xtra Math: Online program dedicated to math achievement for all. Our goal is to develop effective, efficient, adaptive, and intrinsically rewarding supplemental math activities. Teachers register their class and can track student's progress. Families can sign up their children. Free resource.

### **Language Arts M/T/W/Th (9:45-10:30), M/T/Th (11:30-12:30, with lunch and recess from 10:30-11:30am)**

- Reading: In our pre-K (Little Daniels) and Kindergarten, students build a strong foundation for reading, following Abeka's phonics program, as well as read-alouds with classic short story collections. Grades 1-2 follow BJU's reading program, strengthening their phonic skills, with read-alouds with classic short stories, and other grade-level books. Grades 3-5 combine the BJU reading program, along with teaching explicit reading strategies through classic literature books, with comprehension, vocabulary, and small group discussions in their literature circles.
- English: Using BJU curriculum (grades 1-5), students are provided a solid language foundation, introduced to one part-of-speech at a time in grammar, with built-in systematic review and practice. Students develop their writing skills through the writing process, as they write reports, stories, descriptions, poems, letters, and essays.
- Spelling: Focusing on word relationships and structural patterns, students learn how to spell words and use them in context.
- Handwriting: Starting with learning how to write letters in Kindergarten, students specifically learn and practice writing both in manuscript and cursive, transitioning to typing skills in 4th-5th grade.

### **Wednesday MORNINGS Bible Classes**(11:30 am -12:45 pm)

- Students will learn Bible stories and truths and build upon those year after year. Our own TDA curriculum is geared towards planting these truths in students' hearts through all types of prayer, Scripture memory, interactive discussions, Bible reading, centers for hands-on learning, and corporate worship, are also included.

### **M/T/TH AFTERNOONS: (with recess)**

- Daily Bible/Prayer: Students practice interactive intercessory prayers, for themselves, their families and teachers, and for people and nations across the world. As part of their Bible curriculum, students learn how to meditate on God's Word, with specific verses throughout the school year. In addition, our Elementary chaplain rotates through each classroom, focusing on grade-level instruction of prayer, basic Bible themes and living the

Christian life.

- Science: Using BJU's scope and sequence, students engage in enriching lessons with demonstrations and activities, meaningful discussions and Bible application. Concepts include: General Science, Earth Science, Life Science, and Physical Science.
- Social Studies: Grades 1-2 follow BJU's Heritage Studies, using a chronological narrative approach to acquaint students to historical people, places and events. Grades 3-5 explore specific ancient civilizations, Missouri, and the United States, focused on geography, history, economics, and civics.
- Independent Seat Work: This time is designed to allow teachers to have students read aloud and work on remaining work from the school day.

Electives: Each quarter, our students rotate through elective classes that include P.E., Drama, and Art.

Thanksgiving Prayer: Students end their day by giving thanks to God!

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS (with recess)**

- Science Lab: This hour is dedicated to hands-on science experiments and projects, allowing students to use the scientific process in exploring the world around them. The Science Fair will be an added focus for this hour during the first quarter.
- Wednesday Extended Language Arts: This hour is designed to allow teachers to work with small groups of students, with both writing workshops and reading groups, while allowing independent practice of reading and writing skills

\*We offer full-time and part-time options for elementary families. *Kindergarten* part time students stay until 12:30 Monday through Thursday. *1st-5th grade* part time students stay until 12:30pm M/T/Th and all day until 3:30pm on Wednesday. Families in this category will need to fulfill state hours requirements and content on their own.

*\*Please note that all consumable books will be ordered and billed through TDA. Non-consumable books will be rented to families and are part of the supply fee.*