

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Teachers certified in Early Childhood Education
- Large, colorful rooms with restroom facilities in P3 & K4 classrooms
- Strong academic foundation with developmentally appropriate skills, activities & field trips
- Unit-based teaching approach
- Learning centers for instruction in reading, fine motor, language development, number concepts, science, social studies, listening skills, and cooperative learning

• Handwriting Without Tears curriculum materials for letter formation instruction

Phonics- based reading instruction in K5 for word analysis and decoding.
Abeka Saxon & EPS Readers used

READING

- Saxon Phonics (K5-2nd) multi-sensory approach for word study skills
- Comprehension Toolkit & Reading Ideas curriculum materials for instruction in sequencing, main idea, inferences, and other comprehension concepts
- Guided, silent, and oral reading provide framework of instruction in fluency and comprehension
- Individualized reading assessment using Basic Reading Inventory
- 2nd-5th Literature-based novel studies

ENGLISH / SPELLING

- Shurley English curriculum used for grammar and writing skills
- Communication skills taught through a variety of oral & written expressions
- K-2nd Spelling taught in conjunction with Abeka Phonics
- 3rd-5th Spelling taught within a vocabulary framework using Sadlier-Oxford materials
- Ongoing writing assessments
- Students become independent readers & spellers with decoding skills and applications of words in context and in writing

MATH

- Saxon & Harcourt Math
- First in Math on-line supplemental program
- Students use manipulatives & have access to mobile computer lab & graphing calculators
- Concepts are practiced over an extended period with new objectives being added daily
- Concepts in place value, whole number computation, problem-solving, and geometry

SCIENCE

- 1st-5th science curriculum from McGraw-Hill Science Series
- Skills and concepts in life science, physical science and earth science
- Science taught using a multi-sensory approach supplementing the core textbook series

SOCIAL STUDIES

- McGraw-Hill Social Studies
- Students in 1st & 2nd introduced to map skills, historical events and figures and community helpers
- Students in 3rd-5th learn about groups of people, geography of the United States, Oklahoma History, and the significant events of United States history
- Special projects, presentations and reports are included to reinforce and apply concepts

BIBLE

- Weekly Chapel services
- With the Bible as the base, curriculum materials are from Christian Schools International and Character First
- Focus is to develop a fundamentally sound study of how to Biblically live and learn
- Desire is for every child to have a personal relationship with the Lord and understand His sacrifice & accompanying forgiveness for our sins
- Character traits emphasized and scriptures learned on a weekly basis

SPECIALS

- Physical Education
- Swimming
- Art
- Music
- Spanish
- Computers
- Library skills

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Metro Christian Academy is a *Great Expectations* school. Teacher training is grounded in the belief that teachers set high expectations, model an “I can” attitude towards learning, build a climate of mutual respect and celebrate student successes.
- Some of the following are special events and activities:
 - ◇ Accelerated Reader
 - ◇ Hands-on Science activities
 - ◇ Spelling Bees
 - ◇ Academic Bowls
 - ◇ Enrichment Classes
 - ◇ Biz Town
 - ◇ Invention Convention
 - ◇ Weekly Chapel
 - ◇ Grandparents Days
 - ◇ Wax Museum
 - ◇ Land Run
 - ◇ Talent Show
 - ◇ National Day of Prayer
 - ◇ State Fair
 - ◇ Author Visits
 - ◇ Super Kids Fun Day
 - ◇ Musicals
 - ◇ Spanish Bees
 - ◇ Elem. Athletics
 - ◇ Veteran’s Day Program
 - ◇ Cheerleading
 - ◇ Field Trips
 - ◇ Walk-a-Thon
 - ◇ Elem. Carnival