

Elementary School Education: Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Kindergarten

- Bible – A Beka Curriculum – The Bible curriculum helps to build Christian principles in students through the study of God’s relationship to mankind. Through dramatization, story telling, weekly Bible memory verses, music, and participation in weekly chapel, students learn of the life and message of Christ.
- Phonics/Language/Reading – A Beka Curriculum – The A Beka curriculum is structured with many opportunities for listening, speaking, reading, and creative writing. The phonetic approach is emphasized so that students begin to read early. The curriculum includes: grammar, punctuation, long/short vowels, special sounds, spelling words, descriptive/position/action words, tense, and critical thinking. Students are taught to distinguish between reality and fantasy.
- Math – A Beka Curriculum – The A Beka curriculum helps students develop an understanding of numbers and how they are used to represent addition, subtraction, measurement, and more. In K5, students learn to count and recognize numbers 1-100. They also learn to work with the following number concepts: number families; before, after, and between numbers; smallest to largest numbers; number words; counting to 100 by 1’s, 2’s, 5’s, and 10’s; and combinations for the One-Ten Addition Families. In addition, they work with telling time and money, and are exposed to the concepts of subtraction and measurement.
- Social Studies – A Beka Curriculum – The A Beka curriculum includes topics such as family, neighborhood, seasons, our country, national emblems, special days, special topics, and famous Americans. Students learn to think critically, to be accepting of others, and to be proud of their heritage.
- Science – A Beka Curriculum – In the A Beka curriculum, the students receive instruction in science 5 days a week. The curriculum includes: Life Science (human body, five senses, plants and seeds, life in the ocean), Earth Science (using land and water, our earth and weather, solar system, stars), and Physical Science (light, sound, heat, shadows, rainbows).
- Handwriting – A Beka Curriculum – In the A Beka Curriculum, our kindergarten students use the block handwriting method. As a result, students’ penmanship is improved and mastered throughout the school year. In addition, cursive writing is also taught. Students learn to write letters, blends, words, and sentences in cursive.
- Music & Movement – This program develops motor skills through music by providing exposure to a variety of multicultural musical experiences. Students discover the world around them through age-appropriate activities. The fun-filled activities include: movement stories, musical instruments, puppets, musical theatre, and much more.

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- Computer Lab – Students learn parts of the computer, software and its uses, use of websites, and beginner typing skills. Class curriculum themes are supported through websites. Early reading, letter, numbers, shapes, sorting, colors sounds, puzzles, and following directions are all reinforced in the computer classes. Students also participate in various coding activities as they learn foundational 21st-century technology skills.
- Physical Education – All K5 - 5th grade students participate in P.E. twice a week. Students are introduced to various sports, health related fitness activities, games, sports rules, basic motor skills, safety awareness, and receive a foundation for knowledge, skills, and motivation to remain in a healthy and active lifestyle.
- Art – The art curriculum includes: paper cutting, clay, painting, introduction to color/coloring, color mixing, art projects relating to fall, winter, the holiday seasons.
- Spanish - The primary focus of the Spanish Program at CRCA is to engage and challenge the students in the four basic areas of speech, audition, reading, and writing. Children from K5 – 2nd grade begin with basic greetings, colors, days of the week, months, and seasons. Numbers, and domestic and farm animals are also taught. Spelling and writing styles specific to Spanish are also reinforced, and complemented with other cultural events such as the projects and presentations for Heritage Hoorah Month. Our Spanish program is for everyone – students are not required to have a prior knowledge of the language. The small class sizes and the personal attention given to each student allows learning and progress to be accomplished quickly.
- Library – Students also enjoy library story time. Weekly story time, theme related finger plays and songs, and enjoyment of age-appropriate, language-rich books are all enjoyed by our students. The children also practice reading independently using Beginning Reader’s books, and learning by memory several simple Bible verses.
- Special Activities – Career and Truck Day, Pumpkin Patch, Thanksgiving Feast, Dr. Seuss Week, 50th Day of School, 100th Day of School, Red Ribbon Week, Mother’s Day Celebration, Heritage Hoorah, Christmas Program, Spring Musical, various Field Trips, and much more.

First Grade

- Bible - Positive Action - First graders learn about the many gifts given to us by God, including the ultimate gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. This study highlights Creation, our families, our friends, the work of Christ, and many other examples of God’s care.
- Phonics, Reading, and Language Arts - The A Beka curriculum for first grade phonics is taught mainly by orally teaching and reviewing phonics charts so that students are able to memorize the sound and quickly apply them to new words, thus expanding their reading horizons. Students are provided with a Letters and Sounds Seatwork Text to practice with the phonics materials presented in class. Language Arts also includes reading comprehension and creative

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writing which are an important part of this curriculum. Students are asked comprehension questions throughout the reading and are given many opportunities for creative writing.

- Math – A Beka Curriculum – The math concepts covered in this curriculum include counting, writing and reading numbers, place value, addition and subtraction, money, graphs, measurement, time, temperature, and fractions. Applications to real-world situations and daily “Thinking Caps” stretch students’ thinking ability. Students develop independent and cooperative learning and apply these skills in a group setting. Critical thinking skills are also developed through the curriculum.
- Social Studies – BJU Press - Students follow the events in the New World from pre-1000 to 1682, and learn about the Vikings, Columbus, Plymouth Plantation, trading, Native Americans, and early homes and schools.
- Science – BJU Press – This curriculum starts students on the path of scientific inquiry with an introduction to the senses, heat, sound, animals, and heavenly bodies--presenting God as the Creator of all things.
- Spelling and Poetry – The A Beka curriculum weekly implements the spelling words and poetry with phonics to develop the students’ writing and language skills.
- Handwriting – A Beka Curriculum - This writing curriculum provides students with the foundational skills of cursive writing. Each lesson features warm-up exercises as well as an example of the letter that is being practiced that day. Students will master letter formation, size, slant, spacing, correct posture for writing, and correct position for paper and pencil. Begins with single letters and progresses to phonics blends of more than one letter, special sounds, and words to trace and copy. Phonics, spelling, and creative writing skills are built into the exercises.
- Physical Education – All K5 - 5th grade students participate in P.E. twice a week. Students are introduced to various sports, health related fitness activities, games, sports rules, basic motor skills, safety awareness, and receive a foundation for knowledge, skills, and motivation to remain in a healthy and active lifestyle.
- Computer Lab – Each week grades K5 – 5th learn and develop strong typing skills. Students discover internet safety, as well software programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point. Children complete quarterly projects using software hardware. They also learn about computer hardware and how it works. Students also participate in various coding activities as they learn foundational 21st-century technology skills.
- Art - Students in first grade receive art classes twice a week. The Art curriculum includes: implementing the use of drawing and coloring skills, paper cutting, painting, drawing, and art projects related to Christmas, winter, and Easter. They also review and expand their knowledge on color and simple perspective.

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- Spanish - The Spanish Program at CRCA focuses on engaging and challenging the students in the four basic areas of speech, audition, reading, and writing. Children from K5 – 2nd grade begin with basic greetings, colors, days of the week, months, and seasons. Numbers, and domestic and farm animals are also taught. Spelling and writing styles specific to Spanish are also reinforced, and complemented with other cultural events such as the projects and presentations for Heritage Hoorah Month. Our Spanish program is for everyone – students are not required to have a prior knowledge of the language. The small class sizes and the personal attention given to each student allow learning and progress to be accomplished quickly.
- Music – Students receive music instruction twice a week. The students learn both music theory and prepare for musical performances. The curriculum includes basic studies in dynamics and rhythm as well as musical theatre. In addition to this, students participate in three school musical performances.
- Library – Students visit the library weekly for interactive read-aloud sessions. They also check out books to read independently for book sharing time via short reports and creative writing activities. Students also participate in cooperative activities that encourage discussion and comprehension of books read from our library. They are also introduced to award winning literature/authors, and begin learning research skills and book parts. Library activities also allow students to read, discuss, and comprehend God’s Word so that it can be applied to their lives. A print-rich environment stimulates a love of reading.
- Special Activities – Career and Truck Day, Thanksgiving Feast, Dr. Seuss Week, 50th Day of School, 100th Day of School, Red Ribbon Week, Mother’s Day Celebration, Heritage Hoorah, Christmas Program, Spring Musical, various Field Trips, and much more.

Second Grade

- Bible- Positive Action – This Bible curriculum allows students learn about the life of Moses and his leadership of Israel are used to teach second graders that God rewards obedience. Students will learn that obedience to God's commands brings blessings as God fulfills His promises in their lives.
- Language Arts – A Beka - Second grade Language Arts class is a culmination of the A Beka intensive phonics program. After reviewing vowel sounds, consonant sounds, and how to blend them together, students learn consonant blends, diphthongs, digraphs, and clue words to help them remember these sounds. Students practice what they have learned on a deeper level of application than first grade. Students use these skills to have more success in reading and to spell “challenge words” and compound words quickly and accurately. The skills learned in second grade phonics provide a foundation for reading and spelling skills throughout elementary. *Handbook for Reading and Letters and Sounds 2* provide practice with the material presented in phonics class.

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- Reading – BJU Press – The reading curriculum encourages higher-level thinking, emphasizes character traits and Biblical principles and truths, and helps students grow in reading comprehension with compelling stories. The two-volume reading educational materials include familiar favorite stories as well as exciting new reading selections.
- Math – A Beka - The traditional work-text *Arithmetic 2* builds a foundation for learning more abstract concepts and teaches students how to apply mathematical concepts to real-life situations. Concepts taught or reviewed in *Arithmetic 2* include counting, place value, addition and subtraction, money, time, graphs, simple geometry, multiplication and division, and Roman numerals. Students will apply the skills and facts they have learned as they complete word problems that are based on concrete situations. New material is built on prior learning and encourages students to think through new concepts. The *Arithmetic 2* curriculum includes daily reasoning questions that challenge students' thinking ability.
- History – BJU Press - *Heritage Studies 2* explores American culture in colonial times from Jamestown to the War for Independence. The text features colorful illustrations and discussions of colonial farming, shopkeeping, clothing, and also interesting information about kings and queens in Europe ruling at the time.
- Science – BJU Press – The science curriculum guides the student's study of God's plan for creation. Students will increase both their reading comprehension and their knowledge of scientific concepts while learning about the human body, plants and animals, matter and energy, and earth and space from God's viewpoint. Through the "how" and "why" questions that are answered in this text, children will learn about the world around them while developing their thinking skills. *Enjoying God's World* also includes hands-on activities and demonstrations that help to increase each student's comprehension of basic science concepts.
- Spelling – A Beka – In second grade, the spelling curriculum reinforces spelling patterns and introduces the most common structural generalizations. Writing weekly journal entries allows students to apply the spelling and composition skills that they learn. Students also practice dictionary skills and Bible word studies.
- Handwriting – A Beka – With many practice and review writing exercises, this cursive book prompts students to form legible letters. From writing short stories to keeping a journal of 40 entries, students perfect their cursive writing in the workbook as well as on notebook paper.
- Physical Education – All K5 - 5th grade students participate in P.E. twice a week. Students are introduced to various sports, health related fitness activities, games, sports rules, basic motor skills, safety awareness, and receive a foundation for knowledge, skills, and motivation to remain in a healthy and active lifestyle.
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- Art – Students in second grade have art classes twice a week. The Art curriculum includes: collage, crayon resist, painting with acrylics, pastels, crayon mosaic, and art projects relating to holidays and seasons.
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Third Grade

- Bible - Positive Action – The lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Daniel teaches students much about the rewards of living for God. Each of them faced rejection, but by God’s grace, they all remained faithful. In this study, students see examples of discipline and character, all while learning about the God that is our strength.
- Language Arts – A Beka – Students learn grammar: nouns, pronouns, and action verbs, main verbs and verb phrases, types of sentences, and punctuation.

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- Reading – BJU Press – The 3rd grade reading curriculum deepens reading skills and comprehension by providing a collection of engaging reading material for the 3rd grade level. The two-volume reading text guides students as they build reading comprehension, grow in phonics skills, and absorb character-building stories that demonstrate biblical truth and timeless virtues.
- Math - A Beka – Students master multiplication and division in Grade 3, and apply arithmetic concepts to everyday situations through word problems and measurement conversions. They also work with fractions and learn to reduce, add, and subtract these parts of a whole. Supplemental problems also provide for ample review and added implementation.
- History - BJU Press – The history curriculum relates in understandable language the story of America from the framing of the Constitution up until the days of the Wild West. Students relive key moments in our nation’s history and discover interesting traditions from the past. Exciting activities provide students with an outlet for the facts they learn such as building a model log cabin, folding the American flag, learning early American songs, and making musical instruments.
- Science – BJU Press – Students learn about scientific information through text, charts, and colorful photographs and illustrations. The 3rd grade science educational materials also contains detailed instructions for all hands-on experiments, activities, and projects. The last page of each chapter provides key terms and concepts as well a brief writing activity to exercise higher-level thinking skills.
- Spelling – BJU Press – The spelling curriculum teaches students to apply more generalizations to word families and give extensive practice in adding suffixes. Expanded dictionary skills, guided journal entries, and Bible word studies are all key components of the 3rd grade spelling educational materials. Each lesson provides enjoyable activities to help students remember the spelling words they learned.
- Handwriting – A Beka – Cursive writing exercises boost students’ penmanship skills. This curriculum emphasizes correct letter formation, spacing, proportion, and slant through cursive writing exercises such as writing Bible verses, practicing phonics, and completing creative writing pieces. The back of the book offers an Animal Dictionary that is used throughout the book to answer questions and write selections based on animals.
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Fourth Grade

- Bible – Positive Action – This Bible curriculum teaches students how their life is like a castle that's being built into a beautiful edifice step-by-step and room by room. Children will learn to apply the life of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the life and writings of Paul to their own lives.
- Language Arts – BJU Press – The Language Arts curriculum covers instruction in sentences, writing a personal narrative, nouns, writing a friendly letter with instructions, verbs, compare-

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contrast essay, study & reference skills, book reviews, pronouns, tall tales, research reports, adjectives & adverbs, business letters, phrases & clauses, and poetry.

- Reading – BJU Press – The reading curriculum aims to help students become independent readers by the use of strategies that develop critical thinking skills, sharpen their reading and vocabulary skills, and understand elements of fiction and nonfiction. Students make both text-to-self connections and text-to-text connections to interact with characters and events. Oral reading fluency is practiced to show accuracy, expression, and smoothness when reading aloud.
- Math – A Beka – With this curriculum, students practice multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers, estimating, and writing decimals as fractions. Students also gain an understanding of square measures, simple geometry, and proper and improper fractions. Daily word problems, supplemental problems, and a handbook for terms and definitions in the back of the book provide ample opportunity for application and review.
- Social Studies – A Beka – Our history from the founding of America to *Operation Iraqi Freedom* is brought to life from a biblical perspective. Students will study innovations, discoveries, documents, wars, and people that have played a part in establishing America's greatness. The lessons include a study of the regions of the United States. Timelines, chapter checkups, and locator maps included in the chapters assist students with learning and reinforcing the historical concepts taught in the curriculum. Students will study foundational documents such as the Preamble to the Constitution, the First Amendment, and more.
- Science – A Beka - Fourth graders love the emphasis on nature studies and God's creative genius in science. In the 7-week Health course, they learn how to keep their bodies healthy. Fourth graders are presented with things that they can see, observe, and understand in the world around them. They learn how to recognize the plants they see every day, how to attract birds to their own back yards, use field guides, interpret cloud formations, and identify rocks. Students will appreciate the miracle of plant germination, the causes of weather, the God-given provisions for life on earth, the design of the starry heavens, the ecology of the ocean depths, and many other aspects of God's creative genius. Demonstrations and hands-on activities throughout the curriculum keep learning lively.
- Spelling – BJU Press – Students are introduced to new words to master for the 4th - grade level. Word histories and etymologies are presented to build understanding and interest in the English language. Journal entry ideas provide students with weekly writing practice and the opportunity to apply good spelling to their writing. A dictionary skills section also helps to familiarize students with using a dictionary.
- Handwriting – A Beka – With daily writing practice, students review basic letter formation and graduate into creative writing entries and penmanship exercises that encourage character-building qualities. Correlating with Language and Spelling from the *Language 4 Curriculum*, this textbook prompts students to perfect their penmanship through daily exercises and weekly assessments.

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- Library – Students visit the library weekly to check out books to read independently. They also participate in book sharing and cooperative activities that allow them to discuss and comprehend quality books read. Students also learn research skills including the Dewey Classification System, and participate in class activities that allow them to read, discuss, and comprehend God’s Word so that they can apply it to their lives. A print-rich environment stimulates a love of reading.
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Fifth Grade

- Bible – Positive Action - Just as God wanted His people to possess the land of Canaan, so He desires His children to live in a spiritual realm of promise and victory today. Through this study, students gain an understanding of the patterns and themes of God’s work through the Old Testament.
- History – BJU Press – Students learn the narrative of American history from the development of the automobile in the late 1800s through the inauguration of President Obama in 2009. Topics are presented from a biblical perspective and include the invention and influence of the automobile and airplane, World War I, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, World War II, the Vietnam War, struggles over civil rights, the war on terror, Afghanistan and Iraq wars, and immigration decisions.
- Science – A Beka – Science topics introduced include the different types of mammals, the properties of light, the structure of the earth, force and motion, astronomy, and oceanography. This text stands on the belief that God is ultimate Creator and Sustainer of the earth and everything in and around it.
- Spelling – BJU Press – *Spelling 5* introduces new spelling words organized by phonetic sound for the 5th grade spelling level. Word histories and etymologies are presented in "Word for Word" sections to build understanding and interest in the English language. Journal entry ideas also provide students with weekly writing practice.
- Language Arts – BJU Press – Our 5th grade curriculum includes review of basic grammar skills and also instruction and practice writing poetry plus expository, narrative, persuasive, and informative essays. Fifth graders also write a research report.
- Reading – A Beka – Our students read a wide variety of genres in class and refine their comprehension skills to understand the selections.
- Math – A Beka – Students learn decimals and dividing fractions and many more mathematic concepts with *Arithmetic 5*. Students are challenged with more advanced word problems, pre-algebra concepts, and basic geometry. They also continue work with estimating, rounding, and applying all of these concepts to daily life. Supplemental problems, terms, and definitions provide for ample review and added implementation.
- Handwriting – A Beka – With daily writing practice, students will review basic letter formation and graduate into creative writing entries and penmanship exercises that include poetry and word puzzles. Daily exercises and weekly assessments help students master their hand-writing ability.
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