Cutler Ridge Christian Academy – Curriculum Guide 2019-2020

Primary Curriculum Information

Primary School Education: Grade K4

Our Early Childhood Education program is designed to enhance the developmental stages of growth. The student's spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development is carefully considered as they are nurtured, instructed, guided, and encouraged.

4 Year Old Program

• Bible – A Beka – The Bible program is designed to teach Bible truths and instill the love of Jesus into the lives of our children. As children listen to stories of God's Word, they begin to learn who God is, and that He cares for us. The Bible curriculum encourages the development of their Christian character. Weekly Chapels also reinforce spiritual growth and development.

• Reading – A Beka – This Reading Program provides students with practice reading letters, words, and simple sentences. It is designed to promote phonemic awareness and mastery of letter recognition through the use of educational materials.

• Language Arts/Phonics - The language program reinforces beginning phonics and reading skills. Students share in the daily discovery and development of words in order to assist them in acquiring communication skills and vocabulary necessary for the expression of their thinking and problem-solving skills.

• Math – A Beka – This Math program enriches the children's awareness of numbers as they relate to everyday life. It provides an opportunity for the children to get a basic understanding of counting, shapes, measurement of length, weight, and use of graphs, number recognition, and other very simple math concepts. These young students learn through creative methods that make primary school math fun and stimulating.

• Social Studies – A Beka – This Social Studies curriculum is designed to prepare students to be good citizens. Students need to be aware of the past in order to appreciate and understand the present. They also need to be able to think critically about the issues they will face. The curriculum is written from a conservative, evangelical perspective that avoids extremes and seeks to present history in a balanced manner challenging students to think for themselves. Our curriculum gives them the skills and knowledge they need to make good decisions in their homes and communities.

• Science – A Beka – The Science program is designed to promote curiosity in children in order to expand their understanding of the world God created. Science in primary school includes activities such as hands-on experiments, cooking, exploratory table, mixing colors, playing with sand, and playing with sound.

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• Writing – A Beka – The writing curriculum develops fine motor skills through activities such as tracing, cutting, gluing, tearing, lacing, stacking, and molding with clay.

• Music & Movement – This special 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, hula hoops, bubbles, balls, parachute, and much more.

• Art – The art curriculum includes: paper cutting, playdough, painting, shaving cream table art, finger painting, introduction to color/coloring, color mixing, art projects relating to fall, winter, and the holiday seasons. Practicing these skills also aids in the development of small-muscle coordination.

• Computer Lab – Students learn the parts of a computer, software and its uses, use of websites to develop language, and computer sorting and memory games. Students also participate in various coding activities as they learn foundational 21st-century technology skills.

• Library – Weekly story time, theme related finger plays and songs, and enjoyment of ageappropriate, language-rich books are all enjoyed by our students. Students also learn related Bible verses throughout the school year.

• Special Activities - Activity centers feature library, science, dramatic play, transportation, art, and teacher/student workstation. Career and Truck Day, Fire Safety, 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.