



**LEGACY  
CHRISTIAN  
ACADEMY**

**1ST-4TH GRADE  
CURRICULUM  
OVERVIEW  
2018-2019**

# LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY LOWER SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

## FIRST GRADE

### LITERACY

**Focus:** The students learn reading strategies within each category listed below: Comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary. These strategies become tools for the students to advance their reading and writing skills.  
**Resource:** *Daily 5*, Steinhouse Publishers.

### MATH

**Focus:** Instructional Strategies, Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners, Conceptual Understanding and Connections, Problem Solving, and Reasoning.  
**Resource:** *HSP Math* (Harcourt School Publishers) in alignment with State and NCTM Standards

### SCIENCE

**Focus:** God's design of His Creation by studying Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth and Space Science.  
**Resource:** *Purposeful Design Science Objective- Honor the Creator*, Abeka

### BIBLE

**Focus:** Creation, Noah, Abraham/Isaac, The First Christmas, Jacob, Joseph, Crucifixion & Resurrection.  
Bible memory is part of our daily schedule.

### First Grade, Curriculum Enhancing Events:

Grandparents Day	Field Day
Homecoming	Awards Chapel
Talent Show	Art Night
Lego Land Field trip	Dr. Seuss breakfast
Pet Show	Iowa Testing
Laps of Love	Safety Town Field Trip
Daddy Daughter Dance	Ma Spa

## SECOND GRADE

### LITERACY

**Focus:** 21st century global standards for teaching reading skills and strategies grounded in progressions for narrative and informational reading.

**Reading Workshop:**

- Individualized reading instruction within small groups and individualized reading opportunities
- Exposure to a variety of genres
- Leveled text pairing to meet individual needs with prescriptive instruction during guided reading groups

**Writer's Workshop:**

- Students process writing while covering the six traits to quality writing
- Writers experience the stages of writing by brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing and publishing their pieces
- Mentor texts are used to model what quality writing looks like

**Language/Grammar:**

- Conventions of writing are taught through authentic writing experiences
- Writers learn how to be editors of their own writing and polish their pieces

**Resources:** *Daily Five*, Steinhouse; *Handwriting Without Tears*, *6 Trait Writing*; Lucy Caulkins, Write Source.

### MATH

**Focus:** Problem solving and real life situations. Hands on, kinesthetic learning activities aid in fact fluency and math operations are introduced and practiced.

**Resource:** *Harcourt Math*

### SCIENCE

**Focus:** Science is based on God's Creation and covers topics such as Animal Kingdom, God's Design for Plants, Weather, Energy and Senses.

**Resources:** *Purposeful Design*, ACSI; Abeka; *Time for Kids*

### HISTORY

**Focus:** American patriotism and the foundation of our country.

**Resource:** Teacher created units; *Time Magazine for Kids*

### BIBLE

**Focus:** His Holy Word is our foundation as we study different stories of the Bible beginning with Abraham and walk the Life of Jesus.

**Resource:** *Purposeful Design*, *The Holy Bible*.

### Second Grade Curriculum Enhancing Events:

Grandparents Day

Homecoming

Talent Show

Aquarium field trip

Daddy Daughter Dance

Field Day

Awards Chapel

Laps of Love

Art Night

Poetry Cafe

Biography Book Report

Dallas Arboretum Event

## THIRD GRADE

### LITERACY

**Focus:** Comprehension: Students learn strategies to increase reading comprehension through the study of Classical Novel formats

#### Classical Novels

A Lion to Guard Us  
The Castle in the Attic  
Knights of the Round Table  
Charlotte's Web  
Sarah Plain & Tall

#### Penmanship

- Reinforce correctly formed manuscript and cursive penmanship

**Resources:** *6 Traits Writing*, Smekens Educational Solutions, Inc., *Language 3-Abeka*, *Seven Keys to Comprehension*, *Developing Readers Grade 3*, *Purposeful Design Spelling 3*, *Cursive Handwriting Without Tears -3*

### MATH

**Focus:** Computation/ foundational enrichment; hands-on math manipulatives.

**Resource:** *Harcourt School Publisher- Math 3*

### SCIENCE

**Focus:** Physical Science and the Human Body; weekly curriculum based “hands on” science labs

**Resources:** *Science 3 Purposeful Design*, ACSI Int.

### HISTORY

**Focus:** Colonial America; The History of Western Civilization from the 500's to 1600's (Renaissance & Protestant Reformation)

**Resource:** *Our American Heritage, grade 3* –Abeka.

### BIBLE

**Focus:** Learning from a Biblical WorldView

- Character development
- Apologetics
- Bible History

**Resource:** *Deep Roots Bible Curriculum for Defendable Faith*, Defendable Faith Institute.

#### Third Grade Curriculum Enhancing Events:

Laps of Love	Daddy Daughter Dance	Talent Show
Thankful Day	High Touch High Tech in-house field trips	Perot Museum
Spring Concert	Heritage Village field trip	Art Night
Living Museum Experience		

## FOURTH GRADE

### LITERACY

**Focus:** Novel stories, character analysis, conflict resolution, themes, writing essays, informative pieces, comparing and contrasting.

**Resource:** *Where the Red Fern Grows Readers Workshop, ABeka, Purposeful Design Handwriting Without Tears, Wordly Wise ,Comprehension Toolkit with a Reader's Workshop approach.*

### MATH

**Focus:** Using foundational mathematical concepts to approach Pre-Algebra and Geometry equations coupled with problem solving strategies

- pre-Algebra
- mastering long division
- graphing
- problem solving
- probability, measurement, fractions, and geometry

**Resource:** *Math Grade 4, Harcourt School Publishers*

### SCIENCE

**Focus:** Examining principles of Life Science, Physics, Earth Science, and Human Anatomy.

**Resource:** *Purposeful Design, ASCI, Int.*

### HISTORY

**Focus:** Texas History-studying state and local government; exploring San Antonio and Austin.

**Resource:** *Texas History, Scott Foresman*

### BIBLE

**Focus:** Studying the Trinity, Attributes of God, Salvation, Christian life, Evangelism, Stewardship, Eternity, and Christ's return

### Fourth Grade Curriculum Enhancing Events

Talent Show	Art Night
Faux Geocaching Field trip	Christmas Handbells
Ft. Worth Stockyard Field Trip	Laps of Love
San Antonio/Austin Field trip	Honor choir/Recorder concert

### GRADES 1st -4th ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Art	Library	Technology
Chapel	Spanish	
Music	Physical Education	