

Yorkville Christian School

Middle School Course Catalog: 26-27

Grade 6

Bible

A call to study God's Word emphasizing the good news of Christ. Looking at God's purpose for each student. Turning from sin and moving toward righteousness. Warnings against the influences that distract us from God and consequences of sin. Looking at Jesus in his teaching and ministry. Lessons encourage discussions on how God strengthened various biblical figures to run their race. Objectives include summarizing the primary biblical doctrines and points supported in each lesson. Character development and Scripture memory are part of this curriculum to aid in spiritual development of each student.

Language Arts

We will focus on Literature, Grammar, and Writing. Through novels, short stories, literature circles, and independent reading, students will discover a love for literature while learning strategies to become stronger readers.

In addition, students will be able to:

- distinguish between different types of genres
- identify various types of figurative language
- identify/analyze important passages and interpret their significance
- understand and recognize different elements of literature

Students will also have the opportunity to work across the curriculum using Literature to further enrich various units in History including Westward Expansion, WWII, and Civil Rights. Grammar concepts will be taught as we explore different forms of writing. Students will be able to properly construct sentences and paragraphs, while effectively expressing ideas in narrative, expository, and argumentative forms. Students will also develop presentation and communication skills through various projects, presentations, and speeches.

Math

Course 1 covers foundational 6th-grade math concepts like whole numbers, fractions, decimals, ratios, proportions, geometry, measurement, and statistics, with a focus on problem-solving strategies and deep conceptual understanding. Students learn in collaboration with others while sharing information, expertise, and ideas.

Science - Integrated 6

This program places exploration at the heart of science while emphasizing the unique and creative design evident in creation by the one true, all-powerful God. All content is taught through the lens of Scripture, highlighting the importance of a Biblical worldview and affirming God as the source of all truth and order. Scientific inquiry encourages investigation, collaboration, and creativity through a blended print and digital curriculum that applies scientific and engineering practices in problem-based scenarios. As students explore real-world topics and everyday phenomena, they develop skills in analysis, critical thinking, and designing solutions. This complete, integrated Middle School Science curriculum incorporates Life, Earth, and Physical Sciences, equipping students to understand and appreciate the complexity of God's creation while learning to think clearly and communicate their knowledge with confidence and conviction.

Ancient World History

This course focuses on the development of early civilizations from the beginning of human history to around 300 CE, emphasizing historical analysis skills by exploring the social, political, economic, and geographic factors that shaped these ancient societies, including Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome, while introducing students to key concepts of historical inquiry and primary source analysis. A Christian perspective is applied throughout the course and includes the historical aspect of the early spread of Christianity.

Grade 7

Bible

The grade 7 curriculum has an emphasis on identity. Questions around:

How do I approach God?

How do I relate to God, myself and others?

This course begins the process of understanding their own unique story and God's purpose for them in light of His eternal mission. It covers foundations for understanding the concepts of worldview and integration as discipleship. Scripture memorization is included to aid in spiritual development.

Language Arts

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In addition, students will be able to:

- distinguish between different types of genres
- identify various types of figurative language
- identify/analyze important passages and interpret their significance
- understand and recognize different elements of literature

Students will also have the opportunity to work across the curriculum using Literature to further enrich various units in History including Westward Expansion, WWII, and Civil Rights. Grammar concepts will be taught as we explore different forms of writing. Students will be able to properly construct sentences and paragraphs, while effectively expressing ideas in narrative, expository, and argumentative forms. Students will also develop presentation and communication skills through various projects, presentations, and speeches.

Math

Course 2, designed for 7th grade, focuses on building a strong foundation in mathematics by exploring key concepts like proportional relationships, operations with integers and rational numbers, solving percent problems, and applying these skills to real-world scenarios, all while encouraging students to actively engage in the learning process through exploration and problem-solving strategies. The course helps students to develop multiple strategies to solve problems and to recognize the connections between pre-algebraic concepts.

Science - Integrated 7

This program places exploration at the heart of science while teaching from a Biblical worldview. We affirm the truth of God's Word as the foundation for understanding the natural world, and all concepts are taught through the lens of Scripture. Scientific inquiry encourages investigation, collaboration, and creativity through a blended print and digital curriculum that applies

scientific and engineering practices in problem-based scenarios. As students explore real-world topics and everyday phenomena, they develop skills in analysis, critical thinking, and designing solutions. This complete, integrated Middle School Science curriculum incorporates Life, Earth, and Physical Sciences, equipping students to evaluate scientific ideas thoughtfully while affirming God as Creator and the source of all truth.

U.S. History - Year 1

Beginning with an overview of the founding of our country and the Constitution, through expansion, and the Civil War, students learn about the major political, economic and social changes that have shaped our nation. A Christian perspective is applied throughout the course as moral and ethical issues of our young nation emerge. A chronological approach incorporating primary source documentation reveals major themes of social and political significance and cultural change over time taking America from a scattered simple agricultural nation to complex cohesive military and industrial superpower up to the Reconstruction Era.

Grade 8

Bible

The grade 8 curriculum has an emphasis on purpose. Questions on:

How do I make sense of the world?

Who do I follow?

...will be studied.

The course is an introduction to understand Christ's identity, ministry, and doctrine. Students will be challenged to be ready to give answers on what they believe, to stand for Christ, and examine themselves. They will understand the reality of heaven, the power of prayer, and the significance of Christ's resurrection. Scripture memorization is included for spiritual development.

Language Arts

Language Arts will continue to focus on strengthening students' skills and understanding in Literature, Grammar, and Writing. Through novels, short stories, literature circles, and independent reading, students will continue to develop a love for literature while learning strategies to become stronger readers. In addition, students will be able to:

- distinguish between different types of genres
- identify various types of figurative language
- identify/analyze important passages and interpret their significance
- understand and recognize different elements of literature

Students will also have the opportunity to work across the curriculum. Grammar concepts will be taught as we explore different forms of writing. Students will be able to properly construct sentences and paragraphs, while effectively expressing ideas in narrative, expository, and argumentative forms. Students will also develop presentation and communication skills through various projects, presentations, and speeches.

Math

This course is designed to prepare students for high school mathematics courses. The course uses problem-solving strategies, questioning, investigating, analyzing critically, gathering, and constructing evidence, and communicating rigorous arguments justifying their thinking. Students learn in collaboration with others while sharing information, expertise, and ideas. The course helps students to develop multiple strategies to solve problems and to recognize the connections between concepts. Students will be recommended for Algebra, Geometry or Honors Geometry at the end of the school year.

Science - Integrated 8

This program places exploration at the heart of science while teaching from a Biblical worldview. We affirm Scripture as the foundation for understanding the natural world and encourage students to think critically, analyze data carefully, and reason in light of Biblical truth. Through a blended print and digital curriculum, students engage in scientific inquiry, collaboration, and problem-based learning. As they explore real-world topics across Life, Earth, and Physical Sciences, they apply scientific and engineering practices to design solutions and communicate their learning clearly and confidently. Students examine both evolution and creation, evaluating evidence thoughtfully while affirming the biblical account of God as Creator. The course equips students to become discerning thinkers who can understand, articulate, and defend truth grounded in Scripture

U.S. History - Year II

This U.S. history course starts with the Reconstruction Era and continues through to present day. A chronological approach incorporating primary source documentation reveals major themes of social and political significance and cultural change over time taking America from a scattered simple agricultural nation to complex cohesive military and industrial superpower.

Middle School Exploratories

Students will take part in various exploratory courses during middle school. These courses provide students with unique experiences in various areas.

Ag: Exploring Food & Agriculture

This exploration course provides the opportunity to learn fundamental concepts in agriculture to serve as a foundation for future courses and to inform students about the industry that is so vital to society and to their future. Major units of instruction include an introduction to the agricultural industry, animal science, plant science, horticulture science, agribusiness, environmental science, agricultural mechanics, food science, and leadership and personal development. Participation in FFA student organization activities is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration, and reinforcement of academic concepts.

Art

The visual art program develops students in the visual principles that God, as the Ultimate Creator, has set in place, and allows students to discover and develop their own God-given creativity. The program equips students with visual literacy and critical thinking skills, and exposes them to cultural, historic, and contemporary art perspectives. Additionally, hands-on learning experiences serve to further develop students' technical skills within an array of art materials.

General Music

General music is a semester-long class that introduces students to the basics of music. The goal of general music is to build a lifelong appreciation of various styles of music in an engaging and interactive

classroom setting. In this course, you'll learn about how we hear music; how music affects our lives; essential elements of music like rhythm, pitch, melody, harmony, and dynamics. Students get the opportunity to create music both collectively and individually by composing short rhythms and melodies and will also have the opportunity to utilize classroom instruments, helping to grow in their rhythmic, melodic, and performance knowledge. Students will also have the opportunity to research and learn about music history concepts and significant musical figures.

Physical Education

This course includes small and large group team sports, skills and strategies necessary to maintain lifetime physical fitness, and application of social interaction to physical activities.

Intro to Spanish I

In this course students will learn to try new things and develop an appreciation for other languages and cultures. The goal is to learn to communicate, students will interact with other students in the class and with the instructor as they learn to express themselves about the weather, the classroom, things they like to do, their personalities, the world around them, food, hobbies, and more! Vocabulary and grammar will be our focus in this introduction to the language. Available for students in grades 7 and 8. Upon completion of this course during grades 7 and 8, students may be eligible to receive high school credit for Spanish I.

Study Skills(Grades 6)

Students will learn valuable skills in the area of how to study and be prepared for successful school experiences as well as learn some basic skills in daily marketplace skills, social and workplace skills, as well as daily health and hygiene skills.

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