Course Description 2020-2021

Science

“It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s an insect!” Using Apologia Young Explorer Series: Flying Creatures of the Fifth Day, students discover the similarities and differences among the insect species as well as those of the feathered fowl. By capitalizing on their natural curiosity, students’ observation skills are developed through activities such as collecting insects, watching birds, and nature journaling. Activities foster a greater understanding of the structure of these amazing airborne creatures as well as their habitats and characteristics.

Composition

Students are introduced to the joy of writing first by making creative use of the parts of speech they are learning in Grammar and then by composing sentences and paragraphs about topics of high interest to the second grader. The emphasis is on building our “writing muscles” through putting pencil to paper in many engaging ways.

Grammar

Grammar is taught in the classroom at this level. An interactive classroom atmosphere utilizes the jingles and sentence labeling techniques taught in Shurley English Level 2 while promoting competitive accountability amid lots of fun as the foundation for composition, grammar, and Latin is laid for the coming years.

History

Using Veritas Press History Cards, Old Testament & Ancient Egypt, students journey from the very beginning of all human history at Creation through the primal events of the Fall, and the flood, to the emergence of the civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt, while tracing the history of God’s chosen nation Israel. Students gain greater familiarity with many biblical events and see how they fit into the larger picture of human history. Students learn through singing, reading, writing, games, drama, and creating “timeline projects” that correlate to each historical event they study. Their history studies come alive through special craft days, feast days, and the occasional field trip.

*Tuition includes a class materials fee which covers supplies for science experiments, history projects, and other materials used during the year.