Latin

Utilizing *Latin for Children Primer A* this course is designed to incrementally introduce third grade students to Latin. During class time, students learn basic Latin grammar & vocabulary by singing, chanting, playing word games, & developing basic translation techniques. English grammar concepts are reinforced when the corresponding Latin grammar concept is introduced. Students delight in connecting the Latin of the past to the English of today as they discover derivatives we use daily. This course lays the foundation for future Latin studies and gives students confidence to advance their understanding of a new (old) language.

History

The foundation for this class is *Veritas Press History Cards – New Testament, Greece & Rome*. Adding to their framework begun with Mesopotamia & Egypt the previous year, students now study the Greeks & Romans and discover how biblical history fits into this timeline. In class students participate in activities that make history come alive. These include crafts, dress-up days, a Greek feast, the Olympic Games, and more. Through these activities and at-home readings, the students learn how these ancient cultures have affected our lives today.

Science

Are plants optional? What would life be like without plants? God has given plants to feed, clothe, and house us, as well as clean our air and help heal our bodies. Plants are not optional! The diversity of plant life that students discover using Apologia’s Young Explorer Series, *Exploring Creation with Botany*, is mind-boggling. They will make paper, cut open piles of fruits & vegetables to examine seeds as well as dissect flowers all while developing their observation skills.

Composition

Building on the foundation begun in Grammar 2, students add to their repertoire of stylistic techniques. Using material drawn from science and history as well as Andrew Pudewa’s ‘Teaching Structure & Style’ published by the Institute for Excellence in Writing, students progress from writing simple sentences to paragraphs constantly reinforcing earlier concepts which solidifies their ability to express themselves.

Grammar – at home, lessons provided

*Shurley English Level 3* develops a clear understanding of grammar & sentence construction. Beginning in Grammar 3, students work on grammar at home using weekly lesson plans provided by ACTS. Classroom activities help to introduce grammar concepts while encouraging reinforcement of previous ones & keeping up with home lessons. Students sing & recite jingles, work through the Question & Answer flow of sentences while cementing their understanding of basic grammar.

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