

# Academic Curriculum

The basic curriculum used at Griffin Christian Academy is the A Beka curriculum. These materials have gained a reputation as being some of the finest Christian textbooks available. They are written with a “back to the basics” philosophy and require much student involvement in class activities and homework assignments.

We do use some materials that are not part of the A Beka Curriculum. All materials selected for use in the Academy must be in harmony with the stated goals of the Academy.

## Chapel

Spiritual growth is one of the major purposes of this institution. Chapel is an integral part of this growth process. Chapel services are held on a regularly scheduled basis.

## Course Descriptions

### K-4 Readiness (4-year old)

The K-4 readiness program has a curriculum including phonics and reading, writing, numbers, poetry, and fun activities. Children learn the alphabet, number concepts from 1-20 and counting from 1-100.

### Kindergarten (5-year old)

The kindergarten program is a complete educational program that teaches children how to read phonetically. The curriculum includes many small readers, workbooks, and phonics cards. Students will learn the letters of the alphabet and will learn to read. (450-word vocabulary) A complete range of subjects is covered, including writing, art, poetry, music, science, and numbers. The children will learn to count from 1-100 by 1's, 5's and 10's. Children find that the kindergarten curriculum is an enjoyable learning experience.

### First Grade

Reading: A Beka Book Christian Reading Series and other readers.

Phonics: Drill and word analysis skills.

Writing: Spelling, writing words and sentences.

Arithmetic: Emphasis on addition, subtraction, introduction to simple tables of multiplication, money values, story problems, and simple fractions.

History, science, Bible instruction, and poetry memorization are also included.

### Second Grade

Review of first grade material.

Reading: Many books, including A Beka Book Christian readers.

Phonics: Drill work and word analysis skills.

Writing: Vocabulary building, penmanship, and cursive writing.

Arithmetic: Addition, subtraction, introduction to multiplication, division, and Roman numerals.

History, science, Bible instruction, and poetry memorization are also included.

### **Third Grade**

Reading: A variety of readers from the Abeka Book Christian readers, including Pilgrim's Progress.

English: Grammar, punctuation, penmanship, spelling, vocabulary, and poetry.

Arithmetic: Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, combinations, story problems.

History: A look at America

Science: Natural and physical science.

Bible instruction is also included.

### **Fourth Grade:**

Reading: Character-building patriotic stories, vocabulary, and speed and comprehension quizzes.

Spelling and vocabulary: 30 words per week with 10 definitions.

Penmanship: Daily work on correct letter formation and writing.

English: Grammar and usage, composition.

History: General survey of American History

Science: Survey of earth science, the body, weather, plants, insects, water, etc.

Arithmetic: Drill in speed and accuracy in the four arithmetic processes, multiplication facts, dividing by two-digit numbers, working fractions measures; traditional approach.

Poetry memorization, music and Bible instruction are also included.

### **Fifth Grade**

Reading: Character-building patriotic stories from A Beka Book series, reading vocabulary and comprehension.

Spelling and vocabulary: 35 words and definitions per week.

English: Grammar and usage, creative writing, library research project.

History and Geography: a study of ancient civilization up to the present in the Eastern Hemisphere, map work included.

Science: Survey of weather, energy, plants, animals, geology, conservation.

Arithmetic: Drill in speed and accuracy in the four arithmetic processes, decimals, fractions, word problems; traditional approach.

Bible instruction and poetry memorization are also included.

### **Sixth Grade**

Reading: Character-building patriotic stories, speed reading and comprehension, book reports.

Spelling and vocabulary: 35 words and definitions per week.

English: Grammar and usage, creative writing, library research projects.

History and Geography: A study of the Western Hemisphere, map work included.

Science: Creation, chemistry, physics and earth and space science.

Arithmetic: Drill in speed and accuracy in the four arithmetic processes, fractions, decimals, percentages, graphs, metric system, geometric figures; traditional approach.

Bible instruction and poetry memorization are also included.