



Dear Parents,

We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child's educational training. We look forward to partnering with your family to provide a quality Christ-centered classroom environment in which your child will be nurtured for academic and spiritual growth. Our third grade faculty has provided the following overall distinctive elements and readiness areas which we hope will be beneficial for children entering our program. Please contact our school office if you have any questions.

Kingdom Education

Bay Area Christian School exists to provide Kingdom Education to the next generation leading them to Christ, building them up in Christ, equipping them to serve Christ, and empowering them to make disciples of Jesus at home, in society, and through the church.

Overall Distinctive Elements

Curriculum: The BJU Press materials are formulated using a Biblical worldview. Students discover how the Bible is relevant to every academic subject because each textbook includes biblical worldview shaping. God's truth is the starting point and standard before man's assumptions are even considered. In addition to biblical worldview shaping, other main elements are critical thinking and academic rigor.

Bible: Foundational Bible Truths are presented in a systematic way and prayer is integrated throughout subjects, classes, and weekly chapel worship. Students memorize monthly scriptures as part of Bible class.

English Language Arts & Reading: *English 3* provides a solid foundation connecting writing, mechanics, listening, and speaking; expands understanding of the parts of speech; provides a foundation for sentence variety and structure; and explores different types of pronouns. *Reading 3* promotes comprehension and critical thinking while expanding literary skills. Cursive handwriting, chapter books, and applying the writing process for multiple genres of writing are also targeted.

Math: BJU math equips students to master foundational math skills through hands-on manipulatives and sequential teaching that lead students from a concrete to an abstract understanding of mathematics for the purpose of solving problems within the context of a biblical worldview. *Math 3* builds essential skills in place value, multiplication, division, and fractions. Math is shown as a practical tool which reflects God's design and a way to serve others.

Science: BJU science develops foundational understanding of scientific knowledge and inquiry skills with exposure to scientific methods to solve real-world problems. *Science 3* topics include rocks, minerals, soil, weather, and solar system; cold- and warm-blooded animals, plants, ecosystems, cells, tissue, organs, and human skin; motion, sound, properties of matter, changing states of matter, electricity, and magnetism. Students research and create an animal project.

History: *Heritage Studies 3* integrates Bible, citizenship, culture, economics, geography, government, and history. It begins with Creation and God's plan for ruling and filling the earth and proceeds through the Civil War era.

Specials Art, music, Spanish, library and physical education

Field trips The Crocodile Encounter, Flight Museum and Minute Maid Park

Summer Suggestions

- Read approximately 20 minutes a day with discussion
- Practice math speed drills (AfterSchoolHelp.com)
- Complete Book 3 *Vacation Stations: Ocean Expedition* by BJU Press



Summer Reading Requirement

Surprise Island (The Boxcar Children Mysteries book #2) by Gertrude Chandler Warner, ISBN: 9780807576748

- Students are to read the book, print and complete the assignment from the school's website. Bring the assignment to class the first week of school.





Readiness Areas

Reading Prerequisites

- Listen and respond properly to directions, questions, stories, poems, and presentations
- Recognize and apply K-2nd grade sight words and read grade level words
- Use phonics skills, word parts, and context clues to read words of multiple syllables
- Show understanding of stories by sequencing events, recalling, and locating details



Language Arts Prerequisites

- Write legibly with appropriate letter formation and spacing in both cursive and print
- Spell second grade level words
- Construct complete sentences with correct capitalization, and correct subject/verb agreement
- Use punctuation correctly: periods in abbreviations, commas in dates, apostrophes in contractions
- Divide simple sentences into subject and predicate parts
- Identify nouns in sentences



Measurement Prerequisites

- Measure to the nearest half inch
- Round numbers to nearest ten
- Round money to nearest dollar
- Count mixed coins up to \$1
- Know English linear measures: inches, feet, and yards
- Tell time in hours and minutes
- Know Metric linear measures: millimeters, centimeters, and meters
- Grasp English liquid measures: cups, pints, quarts, and gallons
- Identify Roman numerals I-XX



Math Prerequisites

- Memorize addition and subtraction facts through the sum of 18 and adding doubles to 24 fluently and rapidly: 3+3, 8+8, 11+11
- Recognize numbers that add to 10
- Compare numbers through 999 using >, <, and =
- Order 3 digit numbers from least to greatest
- Identify numbers that are before given numbers, up to 999
- Know addition and subtraction fact families:
5+4=9 9-4=5
4+5=9 9-5=4
- Count by 2's, 5's and 10's to 200
- Solve 2-digit addition and subtraction problems with and without regrouping
- Add and subtract 3-digit numbers
- Solve addition and subtraction 1-step word problems
- Understand concept of multiplication and division

