



MEMORY PERIOD

Grammar school students gather each morning to review memorized facts across all disciplines through collective recitations, chants, songs, and jingles.

INTEGRATION

Veritas Academy believes that all knowledge is connected and that all truth is intricately interwoven, bound together not by human intellect but rather by the person of Jesus Christ and His Word (sacred Scripture). Subjects are taught as an interconnected whole.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Students in the grammar school take music, science, physical education, and art class in addition to the core classes outlined below.

Kindergarten

CLASS TRADITIONS

Cookie Baking field trip, Amish Farm and Village field trip, knighting ceremony, awards ceremony, Tiny Town field trip, Hans Herr House field trip, Tea Party

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

- **Curriculum:** Old Lancaster, Amish ABC's
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, coloring, and activities
- **Goals:** Broad familiarity with Lancaster history
- **Geography:** Local Geography

BIBLE

- **Curriculum:** A Child's Story Bible
- **Assignments:** Various worksheets, coloring, Bible timeline, and activities
- **Goals:** Provide survey of Old Testament

LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press Phonics Museum
- **Assignments:** Tests, worksheets, writing assignments, and practice activities
- **Goals:** Learn to identify and vocalize letters and blends, write letters and words, and construct basic sentences

READING

- **Curriculum:** Beginning Readers, Bob Books, Veritas Press Phonics Museum; Sing, Spell, Read, Write; First Favorites
- **Assignments:** Comprehension worksheets and oral reading evaluations
- **Goals:** Provide phonetic instruction and practice with the goal of reading fluency. Classic children's literature is read aloud to encourage a love of narrative, and provide instant correction of phonic errors and measuring comprehension.

MATH

- **Curriculum:** Saxon Level I
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, quizzes, tests, timed fact drills
- **Goals:** Learn to count, sort, compare sizes and shapes, make designs and patterns, form numbers, identify days of the week, tell time, do addition/ subtraction 1-20



First Grade

CLASS TRADITIONS

Poetry in the Park event, Native American day, field trip to State Capitol Building, field trip to Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, field trip to Philadelphia, Brandywine Museum field trip

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

- **Curriculum:** Evan Moore Geography
- **Assignments:** Coloring and various activities
- **Goals:** Broad familiarity with Pennsylvania history
- **Geography:** Survey of world geography

BIBLE

- **Curriculum:** *A Child's Story Bible*
- **Assignments:** Various activities and Bible timelines
- **Goals:** Provide survey of New Testament and review Old Testament

LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Curriculum:** Shurley Grammar I, Veritas Press Phonics Museum
- **Assignments:** Tests, worksheets, writing assignments, and practice activities
- **Goals:** Learn paragraph construction, contractions, synonyms/ antonyms, parts of speech, sentence parts, and basic punctuation/ capitalization

READING

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press Beginning Readers; Sing, Spell, Read, Write; Frog and Toad readers; Veritas Press Phonics Museum; First Favorites; various classic children's books
- **Assignments:** Comprehension worksheets and oral reading evaluations
- **Goals:** Review short vowels, phonics study and practice with readers. Classic children's literature is read aloud to encourage a love of narrative, and provide instant correction of phonic errors and measuring comprehension

MATH

- **Curriculum:** Saxon Level 2
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, quizzes, tests, timed fact drills
- **Goals:** Learn telling time; adding and subtracting; multiplying 0-5 sums; basic fractions; skip counting; counting by 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, and 25's; counting to 400; and counting money.



Second Grade

CLASS TRADITIONS

- **Class Events:** Egyptian Feast
- **Field Trips:** University of Pennsylvania Museum, MCC Tabernacle, Zoo America
- **Projects:** King Tut Funeral Masks, Hyksos Chariots, Towers of Babel, Cuneiform Tablets,

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press History Cards (Old Testament and Ancient Egypt), Kingfisher Encyclopedia, and various non-fiction and historical fiction books
- **Assignments:** Tests, worksheets, historical fiction reading, and various projects
- **Goals:** To familiarize students with the timeline and facts of history
- **Geography:** The countries of Africa using Geography Songs book and CD and in-house materials

BIBLE

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press Bible Cards (Genesis-Joshua), A Child's Story Bible, biblical fiction and nonfiction books
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, tests, and various activities
- **Goals:** Provide survey of designated books of the Bible and 32 events of timeline of Biblical history covered in these books.

LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press Classically Cursive; Shurley Grammar Level 2; Institute for Excellence in Writing; SRA Spelling 3
- **Assignments:** IEW keyword outlines, spelling and grammar tests and worksheets, paragraph writing assignments
- **Goals:** Provide understanding of basic rules of spelling and language, develop ability to write using basic techniques and tools, begin cursive handwriting instruction, and formulate ability to put thoughts into words

READING

- **Curriculum:** Classic children's literature including Boxcar Children, Little House in the Big Woods, Little House on the Prairie, Pinocchio, Velveteen Rabbit, Railway Children, Ugly Duckling, Winnie the Pooh, and more
- **Assignments:** Oral reading evaluations, reading comprehension worksheets
- **Goals:** Classic children's literature is read aloud to encourage a love of narrative, and provide instant correction of phonic errors and measuring comprehension

MATH

- **Curriculum:** Saxon Level 3
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, timed drills, and tests
- **Goals:** Learn addition with trading, subtraction across zeros, multiplication facts and introduction to division

LATIN

- **Curriculum:** Song School Latin I and II
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, quizzes, tests, and memorization of significant Latin excerpts
- **Goals:** Provide intro to Latin, alphabet sounds, counting, and introductory vocabulary



Third Grade

CLASS TRADITIONS

- **Class Events:** Greek Olympics, Zeus' Family Reunion, Barbarian Invasion
- **Field Trips:** The Pottery Works, Lancaster Archery, The Country Barn
- **Projects:** Class mosaic project, Trojan Horse in classroom, bull masks, Julius Caesar crowns, SPQR bands

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press History Cards (Ancient Greece and Rome), and various historical fiction books, Famous Men of Greece and Rome
- **Assignments:** Tests, worksheets, and various activities
- **Goals:** To familiarize students with the basic concepts, events, and facts of this period in history
- **Geography:** The countries of Europe using Geography Songs book and cd and in-house materials

BIBLE

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press Bible Cards (Judges-Kings), New King James version Bible
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, tests, and various activities
- **Goals:** Provide survey of designated books of the Bible and 32 events of timeline of Biblical history covered in these books.

LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press Classically Cursive, Shurley Grammar Level 3, SRA Spelling 4
- **Assignments:** IEW keyword outlines, spelling and grammar tests and worksheets, paragraph writing assignments
- **Goals:** Learn all parts of speech, direct and indirect objects, sentence types, verb tense and agreement, possessive nouns, punctuation; writing narrative, persuasive, expository paragraphs and letters. Transition to cursive.

READING

- **Curriculum:** Classic children's literature including Charlotte's Web, D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths, Homer Price, Black Ships before Troy, Detectives in Togas, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Misty of Chincoteague
- **Assignments:** Oral reading evaluations, reading comprehension worksheets
- **Goals:** Classic children's literature is read aloud to encourage a love of narrative, and provide instant correction of phonic errors and measuring comprehension.

MATH

- **Curriculum:** Saxon 54
- **Assignments:** Worksheets/lessons, timed drills, and tests
- **Goals:** Multiplication/division facts from 0-12; long multiplication and division; measurements (customary and metric); introduction to fractions and decimals; finding variables in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; time; money

LATIN

- **Curriculum:** Latin for Children A
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, quizzes, tests, and memorization of significant Latin excerpts
- **Goals:** Learn 1st and 2nd conjugation verbs in imperfect, present, and future; 1st and 2nd declension nouns; adjectives; sentence translations with direct objects, predicate nominatives and adjectives



Fourth Grade

CLASS TRADITIONS

- **Class Events:** Sherwood Forest Feast, Barbarian Invasion, Monk Day
- **Field Trips:** Washington, D.C., Medieval Times, Marco Polo Field Trip, Hobbit Hike, Indian Echo Caverns
- **Projects:** Viking helmets, wooden shields, Robin Hood hats, destruction of Jerusalem new report video

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press History Cards (Middle Ages, Reformation, and Renaissance), Kingfisher Encyclopedia, and various historical fiction books
- **Assignments:** Tests, worksheets, historical fiction, various activities
- **Goals:** To familiarize students with the basic concepts and facts of history
- **Geography:** The countries of Asia using Geography Songs book and in-house materials

BIBLE

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press Bible cards (Chronicles to Malachi), A Child's Story Bible, biblical fiction books
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, tests, and various activities
- **Goals:** Provide survey of designated books of the Bible and 32 events of timeline of Biblical history covered in these books.

LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Curriculum:** Grammar Level 4; Institute for Excellence in Writing; SRA Spelling 5
- **Assignments:** IEW keyword outlines, spelling and grammar tests and worksheets, paragraph writing assignments
- **Goals:** Learn punctuation, mechanics, and capitalization, roman numeral outlines, calligraphy

READING

- **Curriculum:** Classic children's literature including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Hobbit, Adventures of Robin Hood, Beowulf, Dangerous Journey, King Arthur, Rolf and the Viking Bow
- **Assignments:** Oral reading evaluations, reading comprehension worksheets
- **Goals:** Classic children's literature is read aloud to encourage a love of narrative, and provide instant correction of phonic errors and measuring comprehension.

MATH

- **Curriculum:** Saxon 65
- **Assignments:** Worksheets/lessons, timed drills, and tests
- **Goals:** Learn factoring, finding greatest common factors, making mixed numbers out of improper fractions, mixed numbers, fractions, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, reducing

LATIN

- **Curriculum:** Latin for Children Primer B
- **Assignments:** Grammar worksheets; sentence parsing, labeling and translating; Quizzes; review tests.
- **Goals:** Learn 1st-3rd declension nouns, pronouns, numbers, and tenses in the present system. Be able to translate sentences of various structure.



Fifth Grade

CLASS TRADITIONS

- **Class Events:** Boston Tea Party, Surrender at Yorktown and Victory Tea, Swiss Family Robinson Event, Pirate Day, Cornbread by Candlelight (Where the Red Fern Grows), Mayflower play
- **Field Trips:** Kalmar Nyckel Tall Ship, Mount Vernon, Landis Valley Museum, Adventure Aquarium
- **Projects:** Colonial Trade Reports, Colonial reenactments with England, making tin lanterns, making Red-ware pottery ornaments

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press History 1394 to 1820 (Explorers to Founding of America), various historical fiction books including: Almost Home, Columbus, Guns for Gen. Washington, Seaman's Journey, and more
- **Assignments:** Tests, worksheets, historical fiction, various activities
- **Goals:** To familiarize students with the basic concepts and facts of history, including the founding US documents
- **Geography:** Areas of Early Explorers; United States; Variety of maps, GeoSafari, Talking Globe

BIBLE

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press Bible (Gospels); Journey through the Bible
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, tests, and various activities
- **Goals:** Provide survey of designated books of the Bible and 32 events of timeline of Biblical history covered in these books.

LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Curriculum:** Shurley English Level 6, SRA Spelling 6, IEW History-Based Lessons
- **Assignments:** Spelling and grammar tests and worksheets; write and edit poetry, essays, short stories, and research papers; present research before the class
- **Goals:** Learn new grammar jingles, punctuation, mechanics, capitalization; Practice spelling rules, learn new spelling vocabulary lists; Learn outlining for essays & research papers, improve creative writing skills

READING

- **Curriculum:** Classic literature including Where the Red Fern Grows, Treasure Island, The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Johnny Tremain, Little Women, Swiss Family Robinson
- **Assignments:** Oral reading evaluations, reading comprehension worksheets
- **Goals:** Classic children's literature is read aloud to encourage a love of narrative, and provide instant correction of phonic errors and increase reading comprehension.

MATH

- **Curriculum:** Saxon 76
- **Assignments:** Worksheets/ lessons; tests; supplemental worksheets on fractions, decimals, negative numbers, and graphing
- **Goals:** Order of Operations; finding the variable; GCF; LCM; perimeter; area; percents; intro to geometry; adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions, decimals, and negative numbers

LATIN

- **Curriculum:** Latin for Children Primer C
- **Assignments:** Grammar worksheets; sentence parsing, labeling and translating; Quizzes; review tests.
- **Goals:** Learn all noun declensions, tenses in the perfect system, third declension adjectives, and interrogatives. Be able to translate compound sentences, and longer passages.



Sixth Grade

CLASS TRADITIONS

- **Class Events:** Southwest Fest, USA Cake, Around the World in 80 Days Party
- **Field Trips:** Washington, D.C., National Canal Museum, Railroad Museum, Franklin Institute, National Civil War Museum
- **Projects:** Presidents Report

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press History (Modern) and various historical fiction books
- **Assignments:** Tests, worksheets, historical fiction, various activities
- **Goals:** To familiarize students with the basic concepts and facts of history, including the founding US documents
- **Geography:** South America/Pacific, Mexico, Central America, and Caribbean Islands using Abeka maps and other sources

BIBLE

- **Curriculum:** Veritas Press Bible (Acts-Revelation)
- **Assignments:** Worksheets, tests, and various activities
- **Goals:** Provide survey of designated books of the Bible, timeline of Biblical history covered in these books, and spiritual instruction .

LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Curriculum:** Shurley Grammar Level 7, IEW: Teaching Writing: Structure and Style, Grammar of Poetry, Vocabulary from Greek and Latin Roots
- **Assignments:** Spelling and grammar tests and worksheets; write and edit poetry, essays, short stories, and research papers; present research before the class
- **Goals:** Learn mechanics, 8 parts of speech, sentence structure, tense, phrases, clauses, to make application between grammar rules and writing.

READING

- **Curriculum:** Classic literature including Kidnapped, Jungle Book, Christmas Carol, Around the World in 80 Days, The Hiding Place, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Call of the Wild, and more
- **Assignments:** Oral reading evaluations, reading comprehension worksheets and quizzes, independent reading homework to prepare for secondary school expectations
- **Goals:** Classic children's literature is read aloud to encourage a love of narrative, and provide instant correction of phonic errors and increase reading comprehension.

MATH

- **Curriculum:** Pre-Algebra
- **Assignments:** Worksheets/ lessons; tests; homework
- **Goals:**

LATIN

- **Curriculum:** Latin Alive! Book I
- **Assignments:** Grammar worksheets; sentence parsing, labeling and translating; reading comprehension; quizzes; unit tests.
- **Goals:** Review grammar from previous years in more detail, and paying more attention to syntax. Learn new genitive, dative, accusative and ablative case uses. Read Latin passages for comprehension.

