# Educational Harbor Christian Private School

We strive to produce students who:

- Value and love others as Christ did
- See the value of hard work
- Strive to solve problems
- See failure and mistakes as steps toward success
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- Compromise when necessary, refuse compromise when it conflicts with values
- Effectively find information, analyze the validity of the information, and synthesize information into previous knowledge
- Develop maturity in handling their own emotions
- Use technology responsibly and efficiently

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## **Curriculum: Science and History**

**Lower Elementary:** Students will enjoy exploration and discussion. They may use notebooks to draw and sketch information that they learn. There will also be centers for students to explore based on the day's topics. Students will sing songs and watch videos to memorize certain information. Mostly these students will enjoy free play to develop social skills and problems solving skills.

**Upper Elementary / Middle School:** Students will enjoy experiments, individual research and questioning, project-based learning, and discussion. Middle School students will also include debate of historical topics and science validity and research.

**High School:** Students will focus on scientific experiments, research validity and reliability, and bias in both science and history. Students will debate topics, create models, test experiments based on the scientific method, and explore sources from a variety of locations. These classes contain labs: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

Books/ Texts used: Primary and secondary sources from a variety of locations Story of the World by Susan Wise Bauer (Christian Worldview: CW) Master Books (CW) Notgrass History (CW) Apologia Science (CW) Mystery of History (CW) Fun School Thinking Tree (CW) Lego Creation Books (Secular)







## **Curriculum:** Mathematics

Our math curriculum in class is derived from extensive research into the methodology of math programs from around the world. Our teachers spend extensive time researching questioning and guidance techniques to produce competent mathematicians.

In class you will see:

- Students practicing mental math and reviews of basic skills
- Playing games related to math facts and concepts
- Students using mathematical language to express their methods
- Students sharing methods with others and helping other students understand their point of view
- Debate on accuracy and reasonableness of answers between students
- Teachers coaching and guiding students

We strive to help students have answers that are:

Reasonable Efficient Accurate

**Lower Elementary** will enjoy math exploration, counting and memorizing of patters, number play and more. They will follow a combination of play based learning and a classical model of memorization through play.

**Upper Elementary and Up** will enjoy real-world problem solving with debate and discussion, accounting, and individual work at their level with guidance of the teacher.

Curriculums used: Math-U-See, Teaching Textbooks, Saxon, Abeka, Hands-On Equations, and other supplementary materials when necessary



## Curriculum: Classical Language Study

### **Reading:**

At school, all groups will experience a combination of classical and award winning literature which will be debated, discussed, and analyzed as students age. Students may create projects and essays based on these high quality texts. Parents will also have the option to purchase texts in order to build their student's reading library at home. At home, parents are encouraged to let their student enjoy whatever reading they prefer. If the student resists at home reading, parents are encouraged to read aloud with, or partner read with their students. Reading at home is one of the biggest indicators of reading success in life. Some literature will have mythology, fantasy, and possible reference to witches as used in a literary sense (i.e. the witches in "Macbeth" or in "The Crucible").

## Grammar / Spelling:

Students will follow a classical model in this sense. At school, students will be taught parts of speech, sentence formation, and more. Spelling programs are individualized based on student need, knowledge, and progression. Young students will sing and memorize important language information.

### Writing:

Our unique writing program is created by a seasoned master teacher. It is designed to create intrinsic motivation for students at all levels. All students will also have some copy work, dictation, note-taking skills, outlining, and more. Our goal with writing is to teach students to effectively communicate in writing. They will experience a variety of genres and technologies and we strive to find the system that best works for your student.

**Curriculum used:** Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW), Writing Skills by Diana King, They Say / I Say (Used for High School) by Graff and Berkenstein, Painless Spelling, Spectrum Spelling, and more...



## How Christian are we?

Our curriculum includes:

- Teaching about love and how Jesus loved everyone
- Discussion of Bible passages
- Copying the passage in either cursive, print, or drawing a corresponding picture
- Incorporating the passage into school life
- Using the Bible to promote morals and manners (i.e. "Fruit of the Spirit")
- Use of historical text that includes references to the Bible and God
- Use of science text that includes references to God, with emphasis on creationism, although we also teach evolution for debate purposes
- Praying to the Lord to thank Him for these opportunities, and to give us strength, wisdom, and guidance.
- Praying for our families, teachers, and community members who are in need
- Showing a grateful heart for the gifts God has given to us.
- Listening to Christian music or traditional hymns
- Reading classic Bible stories and relating them to myths or legends from other cultures or modern literature

Please read our "Statement of Faith" for more information

We consider ourselves "Baptist" and are listed as such on the Florida DOE web site.

# The Arts

Currently, our small school only has a few small enrichment classes. For 18-19, those classes are: Art, P.E., Theater, and Spanish. Each year we have different offerings. These offerings are for Elementary and Middle School only. Our high school takes arts classes in the following schools:

**The Palmetto Art Center** offers a variety of kids programs both during the day and after school: http://www.palmettoartcenter.com/

**Circle Arts Academy** has MANY types of classes taught from a Christian Worldview. These include dance, visual arts, technical arts, theater, and more. Www.explorecircle.com

**"Sew Fun" Sewing Classes** by Karen Hattaway is located in Palmetto near our school. Www,KJHDesignsonline.com



**SHARE Bradenton** offers monthly roller skating parties at only \$5 per student! They also have many Friday field trips and activities for you to join. SHARE is a Christian group. Www.SHAREbradenton.homestead.com

North Manatee Soccer out of Buffalo Creek park has an everyone plays policy that incorporates players at all levels. Some of our students even play sports for their local public school.

We also have a short list of private music teachers in the area that we know and trust.