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## Equestrian/Gardening/Animal Science-(11 week course rotation)

Caring for animals, cultivating the land, and understanding the natural world fosters responsibility, empathy, and a deep appreciation for life.

### *What Students Will Learn:*

- 1. Equestrian Science:** Basics of horse care, riding techniques, equine health, and stable management. Why horses? Horses are teachers of empathy, responsibility, and discipline. Horses also respond to emotions, teaching children to be aware of their feelings and others' needs which aligns with our commitment to emotional intelligence.
- 2. Gardening & Sustainable Agriculture:** Soil health, plant care, organic gardening, and sustainable food production. Students learn best through hands-on experiences and the land will provide a rich, immersive environment for exploring nature and curiosity.
- 3. Animal Science:** Understanding livestock and small animal care, veterinary basics, nutrition, and ethical stewardship of animals. This class will be focused on understand how animals communicate, what they need to thrive, and how to care for them.

## Piano

### *Why Piano First?*

- 1. Piano Teaches Fundamental:** The piano layout visually represents music theory, making it easier to understand scales, chords, and intervals. Unlike string or wind instruments, where you have to learn finger placements by feel, the piano's linear key structure makes it easier to grasp patterns in music. Reading treble and bass clefs together builds music literacy skills that transfer to other instruments.
- 2. It Develops Hand-Eye Coordination & Motor Skills:** Piano requires both hands to work independently, improving coordination and fine motor skills. Many other instruments (violin, guitar, flute, etc.) require one hand to do something different than the other hand; a skill that piano naturally develops.
- 3. It Builds a Strong Sense of Rhythm & Timing:** Because piano involves playing multiple notes at once (chords, melodies, harmonies), it strengthens rhythm and timing in a way that single-note instruments don't. This makes transitioning to drums, guitar, or orchestral instruments easier because students already have a solid sense tempo.



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**4. Piano is Easier to Produce Sound Correctly:** Unlike wind or string instruments, which require complex techniques to produce a clean sound, piano produces the correct pitch immediately when a key is pressed. This allows students to focus on music theory and expression first, rather than struggling with intonation or embouchure (which is required for instruments like violin or trumpet).

**5. It Develops Both Melody & Harmony Skills:** Piano allows students to play both melody and harmony at the same time. This builds a strong ear for music, helping students later when playing instruments that only play one note at a time (like flute, violin, or trumpet).

**6. It Creates a Lifelong Musical Foundation:** Many professional musicians start with piano because it gives them a broad understanding of music that applies to composition, songwriting, and performance. Learning the piano first provides a strong musical foundation that makes it easier to pick up other instruments later.

### *What We Will Do:*

**1. Finger exercises for agility & coordination (arpeggios):** Posture & hand position reminders. Rhythm and clapping exercises.

**2. Music Theory & Ear Training:** Reading notes, rhythms, and key signatures. Simple dictation exercises (listening and identifying rhythms/melodies). Basic chord progressions and harmonization.

**3. Repertoire & Sight- Reading:** Learning pieces suited to the student's level. Sightreading exercises for fluency and quick recognition.

**4. Creative Expression & Improvisation:** Chord progressions for simple composition and improvisation. Playing by ear & experimenting with melodies. Understanding dynamics, articulation, and musical expression.

### *Why Learn Music?*

**1. Music Emotional Expression and Creativity:** Music helps children process and understand emotions, much like talking about feelings and it helps children to express their unique selves.



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2. **Music Teaches Patience & Perseverance:** Playing an instrument is a step-by-step learning process, teaching children that growth takes time. In this growth process it will teach children to make mistakes, keep practicing, and improve over time.

3. **Piano Creates Connection & Communication:** Music as a universal language that connects people. Though music children can share emotions, tell stories, and communicate in ways words sometimes cannot.

## Physical Education (PE)

Through a variety of sports, fitness activities, and simple play, we help students build physical strength, coordination and a healthy lifestyle. Our PE curriculum is designed for students of all skill levels, ensuring a fun, inclusive, active and educational experience.

*What Students Will Experience in PE:*

1. **Simple Play:** Play is the work of childhood. Play is a powerful tool for learning-not just for fun, but for problem-solving, creativity, and social skills.

2. **Sports & Team Activities:** Basketball, soccer, volleyball, and other team-based games that develop cooperation and strategy.

3. **Health & Wellness Education:** Lessons on nutrition, injury prevention, and maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

4. **Character & Leadership Development:** Promoting sportsmanship, perseverance, and teamwork through structured physical challenges.



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## Theater

Theater nurtures creativity, self-expression, emotional intelligence and human connection.

*What Students Will Experience in Theater Class:*

1. **Acting & Performance:** Learn character development, improvisation, and stage presence. Acting will allow students to step into someone else's shoes and imagine what it's like to see the world in a new way.
2. **Script Analysis & Storytelling:** Explore classic and contemporary plays, monologues, and original works. Storytelling as a way to understand ourselves and others. Students are encouraged to see theater as a way to share stories, listen to others, and learn empathy.
3. **Stagecraft & Technical Theater:** Hands-on experience with set design, lighting, costumes, and sound.
4. **Collaboration & Teamwork:** Work together to bring productions to life. Whether students are on stage or helping behind the curtain, they are taught that every part of the play is important. Teaching children life lessons that when we work together something wonderful happens.
5. **Public Speaking:** Strengthen voice projection, articulation, and stage presence.
6. **Live Performances & Showcases:** Participate in school plays, musicals, and drama showcases to share talents with the community.

Whether students dream of being on stage or prefer to work behind the scenes, our Theater Arts program offers a place for every creative mind to grow, explore, and shine.

*"The stories we tell, the characters we play, and the voices we share all help us grow into who we are meant to be."* -Providence Hill Academy



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## Art

In this class, students will have the freedom to experiment with colors, shapes, and textures, learning that art is not about being perfect—it's about expressing who we are and how we feel. Through drawing, painting, sculpting, and mixed media projects, students will develop their imagination, confidence, and problem-solving skills in a judgment-free, supportive environment.

*What Students Will Experience in Art Class:*

1. **Drawing & Painting:** Learn fundamental techniques in pencil, charcoal, watercolor, acrylic, and mixed media.
2. **Sculpture & 3D Art:** Work with clay, papier-mâché, and other materials to create three-dimensional works.
3. **Art History & Appreciation:** Explore famous artists, cultural influences, and artistic movements throughout history.
4. **Creative Expression & Design:** Develop imagination and problem solving skills through independent and group projects.
5. **Digital & Graphic Arts:** Introduction to modern artistic tools such as digital drawing, design software, and multimedia.
6. **Portfolio Development:** For students interested in advancing their skills, opportunities are available to curate personal portfolios for exhibitions, contests, or future artistic pursuits.

Our Art Program encourages students to experiment, take creative risks, and develop a deeper appreciation for the role of art in culture and self-expression. Whether beginners or experienced young artists, every student will find opportunities to explore, create, and grow.



## Financial Literacy

Yes! Financial literacy is increasingly being taught because it provides real-world applications that help students understand why financial skills matter in their daily lives.

### *What Older Students Should Expect*

1. **Hands-On Learning:** Students engage in real-world projects like budgeting for a trip, investing in stocks, or running a mock business.
2. **Critical Thinking:** They solve financial problems, such as managing debt or making smart purchasing decisions.
3. **Collaboration & Decision:** Making Group projects simulate real financial scenarios, such as planning a household budget or starting a business.
4. **Long-Term Retention:** Instead of memorizing financial concepts, students apply their knowledge, making it more meaningful and lasting.

### *Example:*

- "Real-Life Budgeting Challenge" - Students create a monthly budget based on different income levels and financial goals.
- "Investment Portfolio Simulation" Students research stocks, track investments, and analyze risk vs. reward.
- "Entrepreneurship Project" - They design and pitch a small business idea with a financial plan.
- "Debt vs. Savings Scenario" - Students explore the impact of loans, interest rates, and credit scores on future financial health.

### *What Younger Students Should Expect*

1. **What is Money?:** Understanding coins, bills, and digital money.
2. **Earning & Work:** Learning how people make money through jobs, businesses, and helping others.



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3. **Saving vs. Spending:** Setting financial goals and making thoughtful spending choices.
4. **Budgeting Basics:** Planning how to use money wisely, even with small allowances.
5. **Introduction to Banking:** Exploring piggy banks, savings accounts, and how banks keep money safe.

## Science

### *Course Overview:*

Exploring God's Creation with Truth, Innovation, and Wonder. Our Science Class is more than just formulas and facts—it's an invitation to explore God's incredible design, think critically about the world around us, and develop innovative solutions that honor Him. Curiosity and wonder are essential for lifelong learning. We encouraged children to ask questions, explore, and wonder about the world because a genuine curiosity leads to deeper understanding.

### *Our Approach:*

1. **Biblical Truth & Scientific Inquiry:** Science is not in conflict with faith—it confirms it. We teach students to explore biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science through the lens of God's Word, understanding that He is the author of all creation.
2. **Innovation & Critical Thinking:** Great scientists don't just memorize facts; they ask questions, solve problems, and push the limits of what's possible. Students will engage in hands-on experiments, STEM projects, and real-world problem-solving that encourage curiosity, creativity, and bold innovation.

### *What Students Will Learn:*

1. **Biology & Life Science:** Discover the complexity of God's living world, from cells to ecosystems.
2. **Earth & Space Science:** Explore God's power through weather, geology, and the vast universe.
3. **Engineering & Technology:** Innovate and create through hands-on STEM challenges.



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4. **Life Science & Biology:** Cells, genetics, ecosystems, human body systems, and the diversity of life.

5. **Physical Science & Chemistry:** Forces and motion, energy, states of matter, chemical reactions, and the periodic table.

### **Farm-to-Table Cooking/Baking & Nutritional Science Course**

This course blends seasonal cooking with a deep understanding of nutrition and food science behind the ingredients. It is designed for students explore the chemistry of food while understanding the impact of food on our health and well-being.

*What Students Will Learn:*

1. **Farm-to-Table Cooking:** Sourcing, preparing, and cooking seasonal, locally grown ingredients to create flavorful and nutrient-rich meals.

2. **The Science of Nutrition:** Understanding how food affects metabolism, brain function, and overall health, processed foods, and real nutrition.

3. **Hands-On Culinary Skills:** Developing foundational techniques such as knife skills, sautéing, roasting, fermenting, and preserving.

4. **The Power of Whole Foods:** Exploring the role of healthy fats, natural sugars, fiber, and micronutrients in creating balanced, nourishing meals.

5. **Meal Planning & Culinary Creativity:** Encouraging students to experiment with flavors, create their own recipes, and understand the balance of taste and nutrition.

*Why This Course Matters:*

Cooking is both an art and a science and understanding the chemistry behind it elevates both nutrition and flavor. By blending hands-on learning with scientific exploration, this course equips students with the skills to cook with confidence and experiment with ingredients.



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## Baking

There will also be baking where students will learn the “why” behind the “how” of baking. This baking course is a hands-on course that goes beyond recipes

*What Students Will Learn:*

1. **The Science of Bread & Fermentation:** Exploring how yeast, wild fermentation, and sourdough starters transform flour into flavorful, nutritious bread.
2. **Ingredient Chemistry:** Understanding how flour, fats, sugar, and hydration levels affect texture, flavor, and nutrition.
3. **Whole Grains & Nutritional Baking:** Learning how to work with ancient grains, sprouted flours, and natural fermentation to maximize health
4. **Ingredient Chemistry:** Understanding how flour, fats, sugar, and hydration levels affect texture, flavor, and nutrition.
5. **Baking:** Mastering kneading, shaping, and proofing, while experimenting with hydration levels and baking times.
6. **Creative & Experimental Baking:** Encouraging students to tweak formulas, explore alternative flours, and innovate with baking techniques.

## Reading (*Separate from writing*)

This reading class is designed to meet each student where they are, offering personalized instruction in reading fluency, comprehension, writing, and communication skills.

*Why Reading Class By Itself:*

1. **Reading with Confidence:** Some students struggle in group settings. For many students, reading and writing in groups can feel overwhelming. This course provides a patient structure that makes reading joyful and confidence-building by strengthening phonics, fluency, and comprehension. Studies have consistently shown that individualized instruction can significantly enhance students' reading skills.
2. **Intentional Teaching:** Allows children to process information at their own pace. By providing undivided attention, one-on-one reading shows a child that they are valued and worthy of focused time. This reinforces their self-esteem and emotional security.



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3. **Encourages a Love for Reading:** Tailoring content to students' interests makes reading and writing more engaging and enjoyable.

4. **Flexible & Adaptable:** You can structure lessons around phonics, comprehension, creative writing, grammar, or literature analysis, depending on the student's goals.

### *What Students Will Learn:*

1. **Phonics & Word Recognition:** Focus on decoding strategies, phonemic awareness, and sight words for younger or struggling readers. Engage in wordbuilding exercises to strengthen spelling and reading fluency.

\*We use Orton-Gillingham-inspired techniques for students with dyslexia or reading difficulties.

2. **Reading Fluency & Comprehension:** Practice guided reading, where the student reads aloud with teacher support. Teach intonation, phrasing, and reading with expression to enhance fluency. Use comprehension strategies (e.g., summarizing, predicting, questioning) to deepen understanding. Incorporate narrative and informational texts to expose students to different genres.

3. **Vocabulary Development & Word Study:** Explore context clues, root words, prefixes, and suffixes to expand vocabulary. Use word maps and interactive activities to reinforce learning. Encourage active reading strategies, such as annotating and highlighting key terms.

4. **Discussion & Critical Thinking:** Engage students in guided discussions about books, themes, and ideas. Use Socratic questioning techniques to develop deeper analytical skills.

## Spanish

Our Spanish course is designed to make learning a new language fun, engaging, and meaningful! Through interactive lessons, cultural exploration, and real-world conversations, students will develop the skills and confidence to speak, read, and write in Spanish while gaining an appreciation for Hispanic cultures.

**Course Overview:** This course provides a well-rounded introduction to Spanish, focusing on practical communication, grammar basics, and cultural understanding. Using a mix of games, storytelling, music, role-playing, and hands-on activities, students will build fluency in a supportive and encouraging environment.



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## *What Students Will Learn:*

1. **Conversational Spanish:** Greetings, introductions, everyday phrases, and real-world dialogues.
2. **Grammar & Sentence Building:** Verb conjugations, sentence structure, and essential vocabulary.
3. **Listening & Pronunciation:** Engaging activities to develop comprehension and proper accent.
4. **Reading & Writing:** Short stories, simple compositions, and essential literacy skills.
5. **Hispanic Culture & Traditions Exploring Spanish:** Customs, food, music, and celebrations.

## **History & Geography**

History and geography are more than just dates and maps—they are the unfolding story of God's providence. We commitment to historical accuracy and biblical truth, this course explores key historical events, the development of civilizations, and the geographical forces that have shaped nations, all through a biblical worldview.

## *Course Overview:*

Students will analyze primary documents, maps, historical figures, and world events to see how geography and faith have shaped history.

## *What Students Will Learn:*

1. **Biblical Worldview in History:** Understanding history through the lens of biblical morality, God's providence, and the role of faith in shaping nations.
2. **America's Christian Heritage:** Studying the faith and values of the Founding Fathers, the Constitution, and the role of the Bible in shaping American law and government.
3. **Geography & Global Influence:** Exploring how geography has impacted civilizations, trade routes, wars, and cultural expansion, including the spread of Christianity across the world.
4. **The Role of Faith in World Events:** Investigating how biblical values have influenced key historical movements, from the Reformation to the abolition of slavery and the found: of modern democracies.



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5. **Hands-on Map Studies & Exploration:** Learning to read and analyze maps, understand global relationships, and see how geography influences history and cultures.

6. **Founding Documents & Primary Sources:** Engaging with original writings from historical leaders, including the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and sermons from key historical moments.

### Bible Class

**Biblical Truth & Doctrinal Depth-**The Bible is the infallible, authoritative Word of God. Our students will learn how to study Scripture with accuracy, defend their faith with confidence, and apply biblical principles to every area of life. Truth is not subjective—it is absolute and unchanging.

Our bible class is more than just reading Scripture—it's about knowing God deeply, standing firm in biblical truth, and living out Christ's love in everyday life. We believe that a strong faith is built on unwavering conviction, and a heart that reflects Christ's kindness and compassion.

*\*See statement of faith for further information on doctrine.*

### Computer Lab: Empowering Learners Through Technology

Our Computer Lab is designed to meet each student's unique learning needs, fostering confidence, curiosity, and essential technological skills. Younger students visit our engaging lab twice daily, utilizing vibrant and interactive programs such as ABC Mouse to strengthen foundational skills, catch up on curriculum essentials, or advance at their own pace in a fun, motivating environment.

Older students dive deeper into practical computing, mastering tools crucial for academic success and beyond. Courses focus on building proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and essential keyboarding skills. Students will become adept in creating polished documents, organizing and analyzing data, and developing swift typing abilities, preparing them to excel academically and confidently navigate today's technology-driven world.

At our Computer Lab, every student becomes tech-savvy and future-ready.



## Writing Excellence Program

The Writing Excellence Program is a comprehensive writing course that integrates proven methods from several top writing curricula. Rather than relying on a single source, this program combines the best elements of traditional writing instruction with innovative modern techniques

Students build a strong foundation in writing skills and progress through advanced composition, all within a Christian worldview. The result is a unique offering that leverages established methods to nurture independent, confident writers with both skill and creativity.

### *Curriculum Foundations*

This program draws on the strengths of multiple renowned writing curricula to create its blended approach:

1. **Writing Without Tears:** Emphasizes a fun, stress-free introduction to writing and handwriting so that young learners gain confidence without frustration.
2. **IEW: Structure and Style for Students:** Provides a structured framework for organizing ideas and introduces stylistic techniques that enhance clarity and expression in writing.
3. **The Writer's Jungle (Julie Bogart):** Encourages creativity and the development of the student's unique voice through gentle guidance and engaging, narrative-rich activities.
4. **Writing With Ease (Susan Wise Bauer):** Reinforces core skills like copy work and narration, combining classical techniques with modern methods to build a strong writing foundation for elementary grades.
5. **Writing Magic (Gail Carson Levine):** Sparks imaginative storytelling with fun exercises, helping students explore creative writing and develop a love for crafting stories.
6. **The Write Foundation:** Offers a step-by-step approach to essay and research writing, originally designed for a weekly homeschool co-op. Its lessons equip students with tools to quickly organize their thoughts and write an essay with excellence integrating Christian principles throughout.

By blending these proven resources, the Writing Excellence Program capitalizes on what each does best. Students benefit from a well-rounded curriculum that is both structured and imaginative, building skills progressively at every level.



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## **Writing Excellence Program - Age-Appropriate Instruction**

### **Younger Students (Early Elementary)**

For early elementary students, instruction is gentle and encouraging. The focus is on handwriting and forming short sentences, using a playful approach to prevent frustration. Children practice putting their thoughts on paper in simple ways and engage in oral narration – telling stories in their own words – to develop language skills. At this stage, the program prioritizes enjoyment and confidence, laying a solid groundwork in phonics, penmanship, and the basics of writing so that young learners write without tears and begin to love the writing process.

### **Middle Grades (Upper Elementary & Middle School)**

In the middle grades, the program introduces more structure while still fostering creativity. Students learn to craft well-organized paragraphs and longer compositions, building on a clear beginning-middle-end structure for narratives and logical sequence for factual writing. They practice writing across genres – from informative reports to creative stories – to broaden their skills. During these years, lessons emphasize planning and outlining ideas, using strong vocabulary and stylistic techniques, and polishing their work through revision. This balanced approach solidifies their understanding of essay and story structure while keeping writing enjoyable and imaginative.

### **Older Students (High School)**

For high school-level students, the course offers advanced composition training. Teens tackle various forms of essay writing (persuasive, analytical, descriptive, and narrative) and learn to support their ideas with evidence and clarity. They delve into research writing, developing skills in sourcing information, citing references, and constructing research papers with a logical flow. Creative expression continues through advanced storytelling and personal narrative projects that refine their unique voice. Throughout, students are challenged to think critically and articulate complex ideas. By graduation, they can confidently produce structured, well-argued essays and research papers, as well as original creative pieces, demonstrating mastery of both the art and mechanics of writing.



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## **Writing Excellence Program - University-Model Partnership**

As a University-Model school program, the Writing Excellence Program is built on an active partnership between teachers and parents. Students attend focused, engaging classes on campus part of the week, then complete assignments at home on alternate days. At-home work is designed to complement classroom instruction, reinforcing the concepts taught and giving students ample practice. Parents serve as co-educators during home days, guiding and supporting their children through the assignments. This collaborative approach ensures consistency in learning and allows for individualized attention when needed. Over time, students develop greater independence and discipline in their work – they learn to take responsibility for their writing assignments, manage their time, and seek out answers under gentle supervision. By blending in-class teaching with guided home practice, the program mirrors a university-style schedule that helps students gradually become independent, confident writers prepared for higher education and beyond.

Christian Integration: Throughout all levels, the curriculum weaves in Christian applications where appropriate. Students might engage with faith-inspired writing prompts, reflect on themes from Scripture, or read exemplary writings by Christian authors. This integration is done thoughtfully, enriching the content without detracting from core writing objectives. It supports students in developing a biblical worldview alongside strong writing skills, allowing them to express their values and ideas with clarity and grace.

In summary, the Writing Excellence Program offers a clear, high-quality path for young writers. By building on the best established methods and partnering with parents in a University-Model format, it delivers a rich writing education that develops capable, articulate communicators. Students emerge from the program not only ready for academic challenges in writing, but also with a genuine confidence and voice in their written expression – skills that will serve them for a lifetime.