



## School Curriculum Notes

**Religion:** *The Bible* (New International Version)

- Devotion each morning and afternoon
- Bible History Class daily
- Memory Work daily
- Hymnology weekly
- Catechism (Grades 5-6, twice a week;  
Grades 7-8, 4 days a week)

**Math:** *Saxon Math*. This hands-on, manipulative based curriculum includes daily fact quizzes and timed-tests. After every five lessons there is a test or assessment. Each lesson includes problems that help to review what has previously been taught. Texts include: *Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, Math 54, Math 65, Math 76, Math 87, Algebra ½, and Algebra 1*.

**English:** *Houghton Mifflin English – 2004*. This series alternates a unit of grammar study with a unit of literature and writing that allows students to demonstrate their writing ability and grammar knowledge. Grades 1-6 are taught individually. Grades 7 & 8 are combined.

**Spelling:** Each week we cover a unit from *Working Words in Spelling* from Great Source Publishing. Each grade (1-8) has its own spelling course. Weekly writing lessons using the spelling words as well as the unit tests comprise their unit.

**Handwriting:** We use the traditional *Zaner-Bloser* handwriting style. Cursive is taught to students in grades 2 & 3. All assignments and homework for grades 4-8 are expected to be completed in cursive.

**Reading:** *A Legacy of Literacy – Houghton Mifflin Reading – 2001*. This series is based on a phonics approach which incorporates various genres of literature. We also use a separate Phonics book from Sadlier Publishing for grades 1-6. Grades 7 & 8 read from McDougal Littell's *The Interactive Reader* and are working through *Vocabulary for Achievement* from Great Source Publishing.

**Social Studies:** Grades 1-2 alternate studying countries of the world and US units. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum is from *Silver Burdett Ginn – 1997*. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders use *The American Nation* from Hall.

**Science:** We are currently using *Scott Foresman Science 2000* and Prentice Hall's *Science Explorer*. This curriculum is unit based and has many opportunities for the students to do experiments.

**Physical Education, Music, and Spanish** are taught two to three times a week. The school children sing one Sunday each month in our Sunday worship services. Sixth through eighth graders make up our tone chime choir (similar to handbells). We also utilize the *Brummet-Taylor Music Listening Program*.