
Jackson Christian Elementary School

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. Romans
11:36 NASB

Bulletin Board

A Change in Bible Curriculum

As many of you are now aware, we have changed the Bible curriculum in grades one through five. Some of you have seen the worldview model that is now in our classrooms and have also received a little insight into what will be taught during the course of a school year. I would like to take some time to share with you a little bit about the rationale for the change in our Bible Curriculum. Much of what will be shared will come from John Hay from Summit Ministries who is the designer of the curriculum.

Opinions vary about Christian schools and the educational movement of which they are a part. From a negative perspective, Christian schools are regarded as reactionary institutions attempting to cocoon students from the perceived corrupting influences and problems of modern society. However, from a positive perspective Christian schools can be models for educational excellence preparing students to enter society with a distinctively Christian worldview through which they can integrate their faith and academic knowledge. An integrated approach to education enables students not only to remain firm in their faith, but also to make valuable contributions to society throughout their lives.

In a media-saturated world where children are exposed daily to multiple non-biblical worldviews, Christian teachers and parents express concern that traditional Bible curricula in schools and churches seem to have little effect in helping children develop and apply a Biblical Christian Worldview. This is one of the key reasons that caused Building on the Rock (*BOTR*) to be developed.

BOTR is much broader than the traditional Bible course taught in most Christian schools. It is designed to help students not only develop a Biblical Christian Worldview, but also to use this worldview as the lens through which they interpret and apply the truth of all subjects in the curriculum. *BOTR* is designed to stimulate Biblical Christian Worldview thinking through thoughtful questions, challenging discussions, and critical thinking.

As the school year progresses, please look for more information to come home concerning this Bible curriculum. This information will provide background on what is being taught so you may have more thoughtful dialogue with your child about what they are learning.

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Looking Ahead

- ☺ September 14: Start Fall Mileage Club
- ☺ September 15 & 16: Fall Festival Days
- ☺ September 17: Picture Day
- ☺ September 18: Intramural Soccer starts
- ☺ September 21: Fall Festival for Y5, K, and 1st grades
- ☺ September 23: 4th Grade Bake Sale
- ☺ September 25&26: Homecoming Celebration
- ☺ October 2: Progress reports
- ☺ October 8&9: No School-ACSI Conference
- ☺ October 15&16: No school -Parent Teacher Conferences
- ☺ October 30: End of Marking Period