

Elementary Program

Background

The overall goals of the elementary program are:

1. To grow in knowledge of the Bible, discover spiritual gifts and begin a daily walk with the Lord.
2. To build a strong foundation of academic skills in the basics of mathematics, reading and language arts.
3. To allow students to apply knowledge through hands-on learning.

Students receive instruction in mathematics, science, Bible, reading and language arts, history, handwriting, Spanish, spelling, physical education, music and art.

Spiritual

Daily Bible study and devotions are a major emphasis in the elementary program. Each week students will have Scripture memorization and chapel. Community ministry activities provide an opportunity for students to put their faith into action.



Language Arts

A Beka curriculum provides a strong phonics base, biblical integration and high academic standards. The curriculum is supplemented with award-winning classic and contemporary children's literature. Outside reading requirements strengthen literacy and allow for parental involvement.

Mathematics

Math is taught from the perspective that our world was created with a divine plan and is logical and consistent. Manipulative and hands-on activities are used to introduce concepts that allow students to see how and why math works. Students progress to abstract thought and symbolic mathematics through lower, middle and upper elementary grades.

Extracurricular Academics

Heritage Christian participates in the following activities:

1. Young Authors: Students write and illustrate an original story.
2. Spelling Bee: Students 4th-8th may participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee

Music and Movement (Building the Body of Christ)

The HCS Elementary Music and Physical Education programs are closely intertwined, providing much opportunity to reinforce concepts that are common to both areas of development. Emphasis is placed on expressing love for God through our love for music and movement (physical activity), good posture, body control, harmony, rhythm, form, teamwork and sportsmanship. Students are encouraged to train and develop their bodies, hearts and God-given gifts to their fullest potential, so they will be fit and ready for whatever good works God may call them to do.



Spanish

The Elementary Spanish program at HCS is an opportunity for young students to become familiar with Spanish language and culture. Students participate in oral question-and-answer sessions, conversations with each other, and vocabulary-related games, puzzles, and activities. All grades learn simple “getting to know you” conversational skills and memorize songs, Bible verses, and the Lord’s Prayer in Spanish. Students emerge from HCS Elementary Spanish with confidence and a memorable collection of participatory experiences in the language and culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

Standardized Testing

Yearly students in K-6th grade are required to take the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT).