



Elementary Academy Course Descriptions for 2024-25

Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking A – 1st Period (8:45-9:45)

Description:

Students will develop high-order thinking through activities including logical thinking, sequencing, classification analogies, spatial awareness, map reading, and geometric concepts. The teacher will provide weekly suggestions for the parents to reinforce critical thinking. A handwriting component is included. Class time will consist of group and individual activities to strengthen skills learned in class. (60 minutes)

Prerequisite:

Students must have a 2nd-grade reading level, comprehension, and basic writing skills. Students must be able to listen quietly to instruction and work in cooperative groups.

Teacher:

T. Lawrence

Curriculum/Materials:

- *Building Thinking Skills Level 1*, (revised ed.), The Critical Thinking Company—ISBN 9781601449948

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pocket folder
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Options - \$310 one-time payment or 7 monthly payments of \$50 (\$350)

Critical Thinking B – 2nd Period (9:50-10:50)

Description:

Students will develop high-order thinking skills through activities including similarities and differences, logical thinking, sequencing, classifications, analogies, antonyms and synonyms, spatial awareness, map reading, following and writing directions, and geometric concepts. A handwriting component is included.

The teacher will provide weekly suggestions for the parents to reinforce critical thinking. Class time will consist of both group and individual activities to strengthen skills learned in class. (60 minutes)

Prerequisite:

Students must have a 3rd-grade reading level, comprehension, and basic writing skills. Students must be able to listen quietly to instruction and work in cooperative groups.

Teacher:

T. Lawrence

Curriculum/Materials:

- *Building Thinking Skills Level 2*, (revised ed.), The Critical Thinking Company—ISBN 9781601449924

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pocket folder
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Options - \$310 one-time payment or 7 monthly payments of \$50 (\$350)

Critical Thinking C – 3rd Period (10:55-11:55)

Description:

Students will develop high-order thinking through activities including similarities and differences, logical thinking, sequencing, classifications, analogies, antonyms and synonyms, spatial awareness, map reading, following and writing directions, and geometric concepts. The teachers will provide weekly suggestions for the parents to reinforce critical thinking. Class time will include both group and individual activities to strengthen skills learned in class. A handwriting component is included. The spring semester will consist of a Christian apologetics course in which students will investigate the evidence for Jesus and the gospels. (60 minutes)

Prerequisite:

Students must have a 4th-grade reading level, comprehension, and basic writing skills. Students must be able to listen quietly to instruction and work in cooperative groups.

Teacher:

T. Lawrence

Curriculum/Materials:

- *The Basics of Critical Thinking*, by Critical Thinking Company—ISBN 9781601445070
- *Cold Case for Christianity for Kids**, by J. Warner & Susie Wallace—**Do Not Buy. HRM will rent copies of the book for a \$5 rental fee included on the invoice.**

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pocket folder
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Options - \$310 one-time payment or 7 monthly payments of \$50 (\$350)

*Book rental fee: \$5.00

Math

Math Skills A - 3rd Period (10:55-11:55)

Description:

The experienced teacher will teach the concepts and provide guided instruction for the parent to reinforce and evaluate progress through the week. This course will review all addition and subtraction facts, including borrowing and carrying. Students will memorize multiplication tables from 0-12 and learn to compute long division problems. Other topics covered include converting measurements, averaging numbers, story problems, solving basic equations, and performing basic operations with fractions. (60 minutes)

Prerequisite:

Completion of ABeka Math 2 or equivalent AND successful completion of the at-home Third Grade Math Readiness Evaluation found on the website under the Document tab. See the website for a complete list of skills the student will need prior to enrolling in this class.

Teacher:

K. Spain

Curriculum/Materials:

- *ABeka Arithmetic 3, 6th ed.*, Student Workbook only (test and drill books optional)--#315737

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- 1" 3-ring binder
- (5) divider tabs
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Options - \$310 one-time payment or 7 monthly payments of \$50 (\$350)

Math Skills B – 1st Period (8:45-9:45)

Description:

The experienced teacher will teach the concepts and provide guided instruction for the parent to reinforce and evaluate the progress through the week. This course will review addition and carrying, subtraction with borrowing, multiplication with borrowing, division with a one-digit divisor, measurement problems, and basic operations of fractions. Students will learn the place value of large numbers, story problems, word clues, multiplication by 10 and 100, checking multiplication, multiplying by a factor of three, finding common factors, the greatest common factor, proper and improper fractions, and dividing with a two-digit divisor. (60 minutes)

Prerequisite:

Completion of ABeka Math 3 or equivalent AND successful completion of the at-home Fourth Grade Math Readiness Evaluation found on the website under the Document tab. See the website for a complete list of skills the student will need prior to enrolling in this class.

Teacher:

K. Spain

Curriculum/Materials:

- *ABeka Arithmetic 4, 5th ed.*, Student Workbook (test and drill books optional)--#339148

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- 1" 3-ring binder
- (5) divider tabs
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Options - \$310 one-time payment or 7 monthly payments of \$50 (\$350)

Math Skills C - 2nd Period (9:50-10:50)

Description:

The experienced teacher will teach the concepts and provide guided instruction for the parents to reinforce and evaluate progress through the week. This course will cover cross multiplication, calculating time, dividing with a three-digit divisor, solving algebraic equations, comparing decimals, changing decimals to fractions, converting measurements, reading and drawing graphs, and dividing fractions. Upon recommendation of the teacher, students successfully completing this class may bypass the placement exam for HRM Secondary Academy Beginning Math. (60 minutes)

Teacher:

K. Spain

Curriculum/Materials:

- *ABeka Arithmetic 5, 4th ed.*, Student Workbook only (test and drill books optional--#135119)

Prerequisite:

Completion of ABeka Math 4 or equivalent AND successful completion of the at-home Fifth Grade Math Readiness Evaluation found on the website under the Document tab. See the website for a complete list of skills the student will need prior to enrolling in this class.

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- 1” 3-ring binder
- (5) divider tabs
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Options - \$310 one-time payment or 7 monthly payments of \$50 (\$350)

Writing

Writing/Grammar A – 2nd Period (9:50-10:50)

Description:

Students will gain confidence in constructing sentences. Using *Easy Grammar Grade 3*, the class will cover capitalization, punctuation, and parts of speech. Students will also learn the types of sentences, dictionary skills, and how to write creative paragraphs and friendly letters. Class time will include both group and individual writing, as well as other activities using grammar concepts. The teacher will provide instruction and tools to aid the parent in evaluation. (60 minutes)

Prerequisite:

Completion of a Language Arts 2nd-grade curriculum AND successful completion of the at-home 3rd Grade Writing Readiness Evaluation found on the website under the Document tab.

Teacher:

S. Dunbar

Curriculum/Materials:

- *Easy Grammar 3*, Workbook, by Wanda Philips—ISBN 9780936981420

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- 1” 3-ring binder
- (5) divider tabs
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Options - \$310 one-time payment or 7 monthly payments of \$50 (\$350)

Writing/Grammar B – 3rd Period (10:55-11:55)

Description:

Using *Easy Grammar Grade 4* students will learn additional capitalization and punctuation rules. Students will cover parts of speech and begin to write more intricate sentences to develop a higher level of writing. Students will begin to write creative stories, multiple-paragraph essays on a single theme, and reports. Class time will include both group and individual writing, as well as other activities using grammar concepts. The teacher will provide instruction and tools to aid the parent in evaluation. (60 minutes)

Prerequisite:

Completion of a Language Arts 3rd-grade curriculum AND successful completion of the at-home Fourth Grade Writing Readiness Evaluation found on the website under the Document tab.

Teacher:

S. Dunbar

Curriculum/Material:

- *Easy Grammar 4*, Workbook, by Wanda Philips—ISBN 9780936981437

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- 1” 3-ring binder
- (5) divider tabs
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Options - \$310 one-time payment or 7 monthly payments of \$50 (\$350)

Writing/Grammar C - 1st Period - 8:45-9:45

Description:

Using *Fix It Grammar 3* and Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) materials, students will continue identifying the parts of speech while gaining a greater understanding of sentence mechanics through editing. Students will begin to learn the IEW-style techniques of sentence dress-ups and sentence openers used in the HRM Secondary Academy as they write paragraphs, essays, and reports. Class time will include group and individual writing and other activities using grammar and writing concepts. The teacher will provide instruction and tools to aid the parent in evaluation. *Upon recommendation of the teacher, students successfully completing this course may bypass the placement test for HRM Secondary Academy Foundations English and the HRM Writing Bootcamp and be eligible to enroll in Foundations of English.* (60 minutes)

Prerequisite:

Completion of a Language Arts 4th-grade curriculum AND successful completion of the at-home Fifth Grade Writing Readiness Evaluation found on the website under the Document tab.

Teacher:

S. Dunbar

Curriculum/Materials:

- *Fix It! Grammar Book 3, 4th ed.*, January 2022, by Pamela White, Institute for Excellence in Writing—ISBN 9781623413613
- Institute for Excellence in Writing Student Handbook.* **Do Not Buy. If you do not have a copy, HRM will provide a copy of the book and a \$20 book fee will be included on the invoice.**

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- 1” 3-ring binder
- (5) divider tabs
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Options - \$310 one-time payment or 7 monthly payments of \$50 (\$350)

* Supply Fee: \$20, if your child needs the IEW Resource Handbook

Science/History/Literature Block (12:30-2:30)

Description:

This class provides instruction in science, world history, and literature using experiments, hands-on activities, and dynamic group interaction. This course will repeat in a three-year cycle and satisfies the Texas homeschool law for reading (literature) and good citizenship. A reading plan will be provided for parents to prepare their child for the following week’s classroom activities. Teachers may assign comprehension questions or activities to complete during the week beyond the required reading. This class is for students ages 7-12. (120 minutes)

Note: Students in the Afternoon Block will be divided into BLUE and RED groups and rotate between the two teachers.

Prerequisite:

Students must have basic reading and writing skills, be able to listen quietly, follow directions, and work in cooperative groups.

Teachers:

T. Lawrence, Z. Cowan

Curriculum/Materials:

- *Story of the World Vol. 2*, by Susan Wise Bauer—ISBN 9781933339092
- *Apologia Exploring Creation: Astronomy 2nd ed.*, by Jeannie Fulbright—ISBN 9781940110585
- Literature:
 - *Call it Courage*, by Armstrong Sperry
 - *The Minstrel in the Tower*, by Gloria Skurzynski

- *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, by Beverly Cleary
- *The Shakespeare Stealer*, by Gary Blackwood

Supplies:

- Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pocket folder
- Spiral notebook
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Thin washable markers
- Glue sticks (2-3 packs)
- Water bottle

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition Option - one-time payment of \$620 or 7 monthly payments of \$100 (\$700).

Supply Fee: \$25