


Classroom-Home Partnership

The *4th-6th Grade Core Academic Track* is designed to partner with parents by providing a “framework” of course lessons, assignments, and activities. Our curriculum builds learning skills, prepares students for Upper School, and provides academic accountability — while maintaining home instruction as the primary source of education. We blend textbooks, literature books, online resources, map resources, and current events together with group and independent learning to create a cohesive connection between home and classroom studies.

- Classroom teachers direct lessons, plan assignments, collect work, initiate assessments, and post grades.
- The Weekly Assignment Sheet (WAS) provides a checklist that includes 3 days of assignments for – Literature, Writing Instruction, History, and Science. Click [here](#) for sample Weekly Assignment Sheets.
- Students are responsible for following the curriculum and completing all WAS assignments. At home, parents guide their students through the completion of the WAS and assist as needed. In addition, parents teach lessons, record grades, and complete monthly reports for subjects not covered in the 4th-6th Core Track – Math, Bible, Spelling, Grammar skills.

Subject	Class Day Teacher directs classroom lessons	Home Days Parent guides student completion of WAS
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big picture of: themes, background, and vocabulary in the literature books • Literature discussion groups • Class, group, or individual activities/projects related to the literature • Instruction on literary elements & story mapping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete reading assignments • Complete literature guide assignments, which include reading comprehension, writing, and vocabulary • Complete all assigned projects, story maps, or reading journals
4th Grade – Classic Literature 5th Grade – American History based 6th Grade – Ancient History based		
Writing Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruction on IEW structure and style • Brainstorming sessions for key-word outlines, dress-ups, decorations, and sentence openers • Opportunities for peer writing conferences and sharing writing assignments • Review grammar and vocabulary related to the writing assignment(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete writing assignment(s) that were introduced in class • Complete grammar or vocabulary exercises related to the writing assignment • Parents serve as a walking dictionary, a source of ideas, and an editor
Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) Vocabulary Weekly Grammar Practice		
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and follow-up discussions related to subject matter being read at home • Historical figures, places, and times • Geography and Mapping • Current Events • Class, group or individual project/presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete reading assignments • Complete questions and activities related to reading assignment • Conduct Internet research, when required for an assignment • Complete assigned projects or presentations
4th Grade – State Study: Florida 5th Grade – American History 6th Grade – Ancient History		
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and follow-up discussions related to subject matter being read at home • Teacher demonstrations • Lab experiments and write-ups • Class, group, or individual project/presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete reading assignments • Complete science notebook assignments • Conduct Internet research, when required for an assignment • Complete assigned projects or presentations
4th Grade – Zoology 5th Grade – Chemistry & Physics 6th Grade – Anatomy & Physiology		


 LOWERSCHOOL 4th Grade Core Track Required Curriculum	ISBN Number or *Required Edition	Suggested Retail Cost	Available to purchase on your own	Available to purchase at CCS
SCIENCE – Apologia’s Young Explorers Science				
Exploring Creation with Zoology 1: Flying Creatures of the Fifth Day - Textbook	9781932012613	39.00	√	N/A
Exploring Creation with Zoology 1: Notebooking Journal (NOT Jr. version)	9781935495116	27.00	√	N/A
WRITING – Excellence In Writing				
All Things Fun & Fascinating (Second Edition) You will automatically receive a complimentary copy of the Student Resource Notebook (SRN) in e-book form. Please download the e-book and store it on your computer for later use. We will inform parents which pages to print from the SRN e-book. www.excellenceinwriting.com Item # AFF	IEW Website Item # AFF	29.00	√	N/A
LITERATURE STUDIES – Classic Children’s Literature				
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren	9780142402498	6.99	√	N/A
The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman	9780060521226	5.99	√	N/A
Charlotte’s Web by E. B. White	9780064410939	9.99	√	N/A
The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden	9780312380038	6.99	√	N/A
Brave the Wild Trail by Milly Howard	9780890843840	10.00	√	N/A
<i>Please note: The items outlined below will be charged to your account. The total of these three items will be \$57.</i>				
FLORIDA (A State Study)				
Do Florida! – Student Book (New Edition -- no used copies)	9781935255604	30.00	N/A	√
CURRENT EVENTS				
World Kids News Subscription (5 magazines delivered to school)	Subscription	12.00	N/A	√
Copy Fees (Classroom teachers provide students with a variety of materials needed for home and classroom use including: literature guides, reading guides, and science guides. This fee helps with paper and copy expenses.)	Fee	15.00	N/A	√

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Exploring Creation with Chemistry & Physics Notebooking Journal (NOT Junior version)	9781940110059	27.00	√	N/A
WRITING – Excellence In Writing				
IEW Writing Lessons (Distributed in class) Writing lessons have been developed for the 5 th graders using IEW sources and units. This serves as the writing textbook.	Fee	15.00	N/A	√
LITERATURE STUDIES – American History-Based				
The Double Life of Pocahontas by Jean Fritz	978-069811935 2	6.99	√	N/A
The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare	9780440479000	6.99	√	N/A
Guns for General Washington - A Story of the American Revolution by Seymour Reit	9780152164355	6.95	√	N/A
The Captain’s Dog – My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe by Roland Smith	9780152026967	7.99	√	N/A
Freedom Train -The Story of Harriet Tubman by Dorothy Sterling	9780590436281	5.99	√	N/A
AMERICAN HISTORY				
The History of Our United States -Textbook abeka.com Code Number:108626	A Beka Book Code Number 10862	21.40	√	N/A
It’s The United States of America: A State by State Guide by Miller and Nelson	9780439827652	7.99	√	N/A
What Was America's Deadliest War? and other questions about the Civil War by Martin Sandler	9781402790461	5.95	√	N/A
Don’t Know Much About the Presidents by Kenneth Davis	9780061718236	6.99	√	N/A
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LITERATURE STUDIES – Ancient History-Based				
The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw	9780140303353	6.99	√	N/A
God King – A Story in the Days of King Hezekiah by Joanne Williamson	9781883937737	13.95	√	N/A
Black Ships before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliff	9780553494839	6.99	√	N/A
The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare	9780395137192	7.99	√	N/A
Twice Freed by Patricia St. John	9781845503956	8.99	√	N/A
ANCIENT HISTORY				
The Mystery of History Vol. 1: Creation to the Resurrection Third Edition by Linda Lacour Hobar	9781892427335	39.95	√	N/A
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CORE MATH CLASS (Required only if student is enrolled in this optional course)				
Holt McDougal Mathematics: Student Edition Grade 6 2012 / Edition 1	9780547647166	New or Used	√	N/A
Holt McDougal Mathematics: Online version	Fee	29.00	N/A	√

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