

## 2005-06 Curriculum Updates

Teachers and administration worked hard this past summer to update our curriculum in the areas listed below. As always, our purpose was to continue to become more decisively Christian and distinctively classical.

### **K-2<sup>nd</sup> Composition**

The best way to have students learn to write well is to fill their minds with beautiful language and good stories through memorization of Scripture, poetry, and songs, and through reading aloud to them. With these principles in mind, our K-2 teachers will be utilizing the following scope and sequence of instruction.

	<b>Listening</b>	<b>Memorizing</b>	<b>Penmanship</b>	<b>Spelling</b>	<b>Grammar</b>
<b>K</b>	Read-alouds	Scripture, poetry & songs	Introduce manuscript formation	Beginning phonics & sight words	Oral listing, summarizing & oral sentences
<b>1</b>	Read-alouds	Scripture, poetry & songs	Teach neatness & efficiency in manuscript	Continue phonics & sight words; one word dictation	Listing, oral summarizing & written simple sentences
<b>2</b>	Read-alouds	Scripture, poetry & songs	Expect good manuscript; Introduce cursive formation	Complete phonics instruction; spell sight words; sentence dictation; spelling rules	Listing, oral summarizing & written simple paragraphs; sentence dictation
<b>Materials</b>	Various titles	Copybook(self-published)	Copybook & $\Delta$ Reason For (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	<u>SRA</u> , <u>Explode the Code</u> , <u>DOL Plus</u>	<u>SRA</u> , <u>Writing Strands</u> , <u>DOL Plus</u>

### **1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> General Music**

Students will appreciate music from across our country and around the world with Silver Burdett & Ginn's The Music Connection. In addition, music students will learn at least one hymn per month and 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders will learn to play the recorder.

### **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Discipleship**

Sixth grade will be using LifeWay's Character Quest curriculum to encourage students toward godly character. Seventh and eighth graders will learn the basics of Christian faith with LifeWay's Decision Quest.

### **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Foreign Languages**

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders will continue with Latin instruction in the form of vocabulary development with EPS's Vocabulary from Classical Roots. In addition, Spanish classes are required for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

### **1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> History (including Geography & American Heritage Strands)**

History is best understood when students have a clear understanding of chronology and are able to imagine time periods and events through historically based stories and biographies. RMCA students will cycle through a study of world history twice in the course of eight years. To accommodate students who just completed 2 years of American History in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, this year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders will complete a world history course covering Modern Times. In 2006-07, 5<sup>th</sup> grade history curriculum will focus on American history.

	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Textbooks</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>American Heritage</b>
<b>1</b>	Ancient Times <i>Creation to 400 AD</i>	<u>Story of the World, Vol. I</u>	Map and globe basics	American symbols & holidays
<b>2</b>	Middle Ages <i>400 – 1600</i>	<u>Story of the World, Vol. II</u>	Oceans, continents, & local geography	Monuments and Presidents
<b>3</b>	Early Modern Times <i>1600 – 1850</i>	<u>Story of the World, Vol. III</u>	US states and regions	Flags and Documents
<b>4</b>	The Modern Age <i>1850 – 1994</i>	<u>Story of the World, Vol. IV</u>	World rivers, mountain ranges, & deserts	Memorials and Speeches
<b>5</b>	The Modern Age <i>1850 – 1994</i>	<u>Story of the World, Vol. IV</u>	World climate zones, application of geography skills	Flags, Wars, Speeches & Documents
<b>6</b>	Ancient Landmarks <i>Creation to 31 BC</i>	<u>BJU Heritage Studies 6</u>	Ancient maps and civilizations	Biblical connections to US holidays
<b>7</b>	Historical World Cultures <i>31 BC – 1300 AD</i>	<u>BJU Heritage Studies 6 &amp; World Studies 7</u>	Key regions in Europe & Africa related to early Western Civilization	Christian Calendar
<b>8</b>	The United States in History <i>1300 AD - Present</i>	<u>BJU World Studies 7 &amp; American Republic 8</u>	Key regions in North & South Americas	War Memorials, Holidays, Washington D.C.

*The Curriculum Updates presented on this leaflet supersede the scope, sequence, and adopted materials in the Curriculum Guides for Parents, 2004.*