



THE CONNECTION SCHOOL

of Houston

ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY*

	BIBLE	HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY	READING & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	WRITING, SPELLING & GRAMMAR	MATH	SCIENCE
K	Old and New Testament: The Path to Christ; Scripture Memorization; Character Building	History of my Family; US History through Holidays; Community Helpers; Geography – Harris County: The Land Around Me	Introduction to phonics based Spelling and Reading; Developing accuracy, fluency and expression in reading; Developing love for literature; Vocabulary Development	<p><i>Writing:</i> Introduction to writing with correct manuscript letter formation; Oral narration, dictation and copy work</p> <p><i>Spelling:</i> Phonics based spelling</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Introduction to sentence writing</p>	<p><i>Focus Areas:</i> understanding counting and number sequence; understanding addition and subtraction; comparing objects by measureable attributes; match and sort; order; shapes; time; money</p>	<p><i>Unit Studies:</i> Human Body and Senses; Animal Habitats; Birds: Owls; Gardening: Plants; Worms and Butterflies; Water cycle</p>
1st	Old Testament: Time and History of God's Chosen People; Ancient History and early cultures integrated with Bible; Scripture Memorization; Character Building	Ancient History and Early Cultures Integrated with Bible; Texas History; Texas Geography; Cultures and Regions of the World	Introduction to Conversational Spanish I	<p><i>Writing:</i> Narration, dictation and copy work; Guided summaries and sentence writing</p> <p><i>Spelling:</i> Phonics based spelling</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Introduction to parts of speech</p>	<p><i>Focus areas :</i> understanding and applying place value; solving problems involving addition and subtraction; composing and decomposing 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional solids; measurements; graphs; shapes; time; money</p>	<p><i>Unit Studies:</i> Climate & Regions of the World: plants, animals and people</p>
2nd	New Testament: Time & Life of Christ and the Apostles; Greco-Roman History Integrated with Bible; Scripture Memorization; Character Building	Greco-Roman History Integrated with Bible; Overview of United States History	<p>Phonics based reading and spelling; Literature based reading; Comprehension Strategies; Recitation; Vocabulary Development</p> <p>Introduction to Conversational Spanish II</p>	<p><i>Writing:</i> Narration, dictation and copy work; Sentence writing; Guided paragraphs; Introduction to cursive</p> <p><i>Spelling:</i> Phonics based spelling</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Parts of speech, usage, punctuation</p>	<p><i>Focus areas:</i> base-10 place value system; addition and subtraction within 1,000; building foundations for multiplication; multiplication and division; money; time; fractions; data analysis; geometry</p>	<p><i>Unit Studies:</i> Solar System; States of Matter; Animal and Plant classification</p>

3rd	Old Testament Overview: Patriarchs, Kingship, Judges, Kings; Scripture Memorization; Character Building	Medieval Renaissance; Early Exploration; Early Church History; World Geography	<p><i>Reading:</i> Literature based reading; Applied phonics and spelling; Reading with fluency, accuracy & expression; Comprehension Strategies</p> <p><i>Foreign Language:</i> Conversational Spanish I; Latin and Greek Vocabulary</p>	<p><i>Writing:</i> Key word outline; Summaries; Paragraph writing; Guided reports; Narration, dictation and copy work</p> <p><i>Spelling:</i> Phonics based spelling</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Formal grammar; Integrated use of grammar in writing and literature</p>	<p><i>Focus areas:</i> place value; operations of whole numbers; understanding fractional units; determine perimeter and area of polygons; solve problems involving time and capacity; represent and interpret data</p>	<p><i>Earth Science:</i> Geology</p> <p><i>Physical Science:</i> Simple Machines; Discoveries and Inventions of time periods</p> <p><i>Life Science:</i> Animals of the Air (insects and birds); Plants: Trees</p>
4th	New Testament: The Life of Christ, The Four Gospels; Scripture Memorization; Character Building	Early American History; World Events of time period; Church History; World Geography; US Geography	<p><i>Reading:</i> Literature based reading</p> <p><i>Foreign Language:</i> Conversational Spanish II; Latin and Greek Vocabulary</p>	<p><i>Writing:</i> Key word outline using multiple sources; Rewriting narratives and fables; Reports</p> <p><i>Spelling:</i> Phonics-based spelling</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Formal grammar; Integrated use of grammar in writing and literature; Narration, Dictation</p>	<p><i>Focus areas:</i> the use of operations, fractions, and decimals; describing and analyzing geometry and measurement; Four operations of whole numbers; Fractions; Geometry; Area and Perimeter; Measures and Volume; Decimals; Figures</p>	<p><i>Earth Science:</i> Astronomy; Oceans</p> <p><i>Physical Science:</i> Discoveries and Inventions into Energy; Magnetism; Sound; Light</p> <p><i>Life Science:</i> Cells; Animals of the Land; Animals of the Ocean</p>
5th	New Testament: Acts & Letters of Paul; Scripture Memorization; Character Building	Modern History to Present; Church History; World Geography; US Geography	<p><i>Reading:</i> Literature based reading; Selections of literature integrated with History and Bible;</p> <p><i>Foreign Language:</i> Conversational Spanish III; Latin and Greek Vocabulary</p>	<p><i>Writing:</i> Beginning persuasive writing; Key word outline using multiple sources; Rewriting narratives and fables; Reports</p> <p><i>Spelling:</i> applied and integrated, phonics based</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Formal grammar; Integrated use of grammar in writing and literature; Narration, Dictation</p>	<p><i>Focus areas:</i> solving problems involving all four operations with positive rational numbers; determining and generating formulas and solutions to expressions; extending measurement to area and volume; represent location on a coordinate plane; whole numbers; fractions; angles; percentages; decimals; measures and volume</p>	<p><i>Earth Science:</i> Astronomy; Oceans</p> <p><i>Physical Science:</i> Elementary Chemistry; Energy; Discoveries and Inventions</p> <p><i>Life Science:</i> Human and Plant Anatomy</p>

* This course of study describes the *four day* per week academic program. The *fifth day*, for those who choose the extended academic program option, will consist of teacher- or self-directed study, study assistance, personal interest studies, field trips, service opportunities, and other enrichment activities.