



HERITAGE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Grade Level Overview

ENRICHMENT I

Heritage Preparatory School is a classical, Christian school located in the heart of the city of Atlanta that serves students from 4-year-old preschool to high school. Our vision is to be a school known for graduates who positively shape culture through their faith and intellect.

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BIBLE

- Explore major themes of redemption from the Old Testament, including Creation and promises for a Savior
- Study the birth, life, and death of Jesus

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Saxon Phonics with an Orton Gillingham approach to instruction
- Phonemic awareness activities are used to train the ear to hear, isolate, and manipulate sounds by deleting or adding new sounds
- Students recite sounds and identify with ease both the lower and upper case letters of the alphabet
- Visually recognize phonograms in printed texts and make the connection with the sounds they have memorized

HANDWRITING

- Zaner-Bloser handwriting is utilized, along with multisensory tools and approaches, to develop the fundamental skills of handwriting
- Four handwriting strokes, including pull down lines, slide lines, circle lines, and slant lines, are taught
- Develop gross motor skills including skywriting, balancing, skipping, hopping and galloping
- Develop fine motor skills through tracing, coloring, cutting, dot-to-dots, geo boards, tangrams and working with clay to strengthen hand muscles
- Learn basic writing strokes and formation of the 26 lower case letters of the alphabet
- Beginning penmanship focuses on good habits and attention to detail, proper posture, paper position, and pencil grip

LITERATURE

- Develop vocabulary, make story predictions, sequence main events, and discuss character qualities through reading of texts including Nursery Rhymes, Aesop's Fables, and The Velveteen Rabbit

LANGUAGE, GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION

- Narration: Listen to a passage read aloud and then asked to "give back" what they have learned
- Develop skills in attention and remembering stories
- Students narrate using the author's rich language and organize events in a logical manner
- Orally narrate responses to field trips, readings, nature studies, and picture studies
- Picture Studies: Study classical art prints and illustrations through pictures in class books to develop an eye for details, observation skills
- Develop oral language skills to speak in complete sentences and use descriptive language
- Memory Work: Commit to memory scripture, hymns, songs, chants, jingles, and poetry to practice the art of beautiful recitation with good diction, expression and cadence

MATH

- The emphasis of early math instruction is developing the fundamental number sense and problem solving skills used for all higher-level mathematics
- Students spend a great deal of time with hands-on activities that help them experience how the number system works
- Students study basic mathematical operations, number identification 0-20, mental math, graphing, estimating, patterns, spatial skills, sorting, and calendar skills

HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY

- Students learn about the historical significance of the people and places they encounter in their literature and Bible, picture studies, recitations, art, and music
- Continents of the world- map study and developing a heart to pray for people in distant lands

MUSIC

- Students experience a broad approach to music education through studying classical composers, listening to great works, and learning music theory
- Children will sing hymns, and class time will be spent discussing rich theological texts at age appropriate levels so they may sing with lyrical understanding
- Performance skills such as posture, breathing, vocal projection will be taught in preparation for school wide musical presentations
- Children will be taught to use their voices to bring praise and glory to the Lord

HABITS AND CHARACTER

- Lessons in Biblical character and developing important habits: obedience, participation, attention, respect, self-control, and eye contact

ART

- Introduction to the Elements of Art - Line, Shape, Color, Texture, Form, and Space, and create works exploring these elements
- Students are introduced to Great Masters - Monet, Van Gogh, Mary Cassat, and Piet Mondrian, just to name a few
- Students will engage in great literature that inspires art - Books by Beatrix Potter, Dr. Suess, and Eric Carl

NATURE STUDIES

- Observe, manipulate, question, learn from, and delight in the details in our surroundings in Nature Class
- Explore and interact with nature through scavenger hunts, imaginative play, measurements, and sorting
- Delight in plants and animals through hands-on, high sensory tasks
- Learn about the lives of animals through stories and observations
- Children will be drawn to the world around us as nature is our text