

# Fine Arts & PE

## Music

The FCA classes for music seek to develop and encourage students to use their musical talent to worship God, as well as to reinforce and nurture development in language skills and listening. Students will be introduced to music, learn to read and perform quarter, eighth and half notes, and to sing and play instruments with other students.

## Art

Students will use a wide variety of media while given the opportunity to participate in various projects. The FCA art classes seek to encourage creativity and problem-solving as students use their talents to glorify God.

## PE

The goal of our PE classes at Faith Christian Academy is to help students achieve their physical best through the use of games, sports, and special activities. Following directions and participation are taught as well as good fitness habits, sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork skills.

## Field Trips

Individual classes go on specific field trips that coordinate with their special units such as a trip to the Helen's Orchard or the NEW Zoo.

**Special Events** for the 1st grade include February's Reading month.

This curriculum guide has been prepared to give parents a better idea of what students may learn in this grade level. The purpose of our school is to train the whole student—physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. We share your commitment to provide your children with the best possible Christian education— an education that offers academic excellence along with daily Bible training that is Christ-centered and God-honoring.

We hope you find the information helpful. If you have any questions, call Faith Christian Academy today.



Curriculum is described as “what we teach,” while instruction is described as “how we teach it.” The distinction of our school, however, lies in our mission statement. The mission of Faith

Christian Academy is to provide a comprehensive education that equips students to:

- Discover truth through the lens of Scripture
- Develop their potential for further educational pursuits
- Become conformed to the image of Christ

Each teacher will then expand upon the curriculum by adding guest speakers, field trips, and additional resource materials to provide each student with the best possible opportunity to learn.

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## Curriculum Overview



**K4-6th Grade:** 5100 Hummingbird Rd, Wausau

**7th-12 Grade** E1045 S. Co. Rd. J, Wausau

Call (715) 842-0797 for both campuses  
or go to [faithca.org](http://faithca.org).

# Christian Education

Bible is the most important subject at Faith Christian Academy. It is therefore taught specifically and systematically through stories, Scripture memory, singing, and Christian doctrine. The lessons flow from the Word of God, through the heart of the teacher, to the heart of the student. Topics taught in 1st Grade Bible may include:

- ◆ Creation, Adam, and Cain
- ◆ Enoch, Noah and Babel
- ◆ Abraham and Isaac
- ◆ Jacob and Joseph
- ◆ The First Christmas
- ◆ Boyhood and Early Ministry of Jesus
- ◆ Jesus Heals and Helps
- ◆ Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ
- ◆ Thanksgiving

## Chapels *The students will:*

- ◆ Join in a weekly chapel time for worship, drama, and sharing of Biblical application.
- ◆ Be challenged by guest speakers to live out their faith.

## Service Projects *The student will:*

- ◆ Participate in class-specific and school-wide service projects designed to help students follow Biblical principles to serve others and benefit the community, as an expression of God's love and concern.

# Social Studies

Students will learn how our country was founded and what our basic freedoms are. They will also meet several famous American patriots and take a trip across America.

- ◆ Good citizenship is emphasized.
- ◆ Patriotic songs are included.
- ◆ Your student will also be introduced to Geography while learning about major countries and U.S. Territories.

# Language Arts

## English and Grammar

Your child will increase their thinking skills, improve their reading comprehension, and develop their creative writing ability.

By the end of the year, your first grader will be able to:

- ◆ Write in complete sentences
- ◆ Capitalize the first word of a sentence and of the days and months
- ◆ Place a period at the end of a sentence
- ◆ Know the suffixes and prefixes
- ◆ Alphabetize words

## Spelling

This program was designed as a fast-paced, comprehensive skills- teaching system that is arranged phonetically. Students will see how phonics, spelling, composition, vocabulary, penmanship, reading, and grammar go hand-in-hand as tools for the effective use of God's gift of language.

## Handwriting

Students will continue to work towards mastery of manuscript writing.

## Reading/Phonics

An intensive phonics approach is taught systematically throughout the school year to ensure continued growth in skills. This combined with the other components of our Language Arts program increases reading comprehension and refines thinking skills. Each student is exposed to short stories and poetry that are designed to build confidence and enthusiasm in reading, while introducing them to fun-filled, character-building stories.



# Math

First Grade Math will present concepts in an orderly manner, building on prior learning and including consistent year-long review.

Concepts include:

- ◆ Counting
- ◆ Writing and reading numbers
- ◆ Place value
- ◆ Addition and subtraction
- ◆ Money
- ◆ Graphs
- ◆ Measurement
- ◆ Time and temperature
- ◆ Fractions

Application to real world situations and daily thinking skills stretch students thinking abilities.

# Science

First Grade Science will present God as the Master and Designer of the world around us.

The studies of:

- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Animals
- ◆ insects
- ◆ Energy
- ◆ Health
- ◆ the seasons
- ◆ the five senses

provide an excellent introduction to science, with the emphasis is on building student interest and augmenting students' reading skills. Hands on activities help to increase comprehension of basic science concepts.

## Textbooks and Resources

*The 1st Grade uses ABeka for the core curriculum, with Zaner Bloser for handwriting.*