



# Peoria Christian School

Distinctively Christian. Decidedly Academic.

## Elementary School Grades K - 4

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# Elementary School Facts

## Teachers

All of our teachers are ACSI certified (Association of Christian Schools International).

Professional growth is promoted through conferences, course work, and visits to other schools.

We have a high level of teacher retention - the average amount for teaching at PCS is 9 years.

## Class Size

- Kindergarten: Avg. of 17 students/room
- 1st-4th: Avg. of 19 students/room

## Technology

- Computer lab with 25 computers
- Weekly computer lessons in grades 1-4
- Promethean boards in each K-4 classroom

## Curriculum Enhancements

- Accelerated Reader Program
- Math Olympics
- Spelling Bee
- Speech Meet
- Science Fair
- Clubs (Drama, Legos, Sports, etc.)
- Field trips
- Summer camps
- Grandparents' Day
- Music programs
- Field Day
- Grade level-specific enhancements

## Regular School Hours (Main Campus):

- Half-day Kindergarten: 8:30 AM - 11:45 AM
- Full day Kindergarten &  
1st Grade: 8:30 AM - 3:10 PM
- 2nd-4th Grades: 8:30 AM - 3:15 PM

## Spiritual Life

- Development of biblical worldview
- Scripture memory is part of daily Bible curriculum
- Biblical truths are integrated throughout the school day
- Weekly chapels
- Service projects

## Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Field trip chaperones
- Room moms
- Lunchroom helpers
- Library or computer helpers
- Prayer groups
- Bible studies
- Picture person enrichment program
- Speech Meet and Science Fair judges
- Sports team coaches

## Before- and After-School Care (Main Campus only)

Before-school care is available from 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM for PreK3-6th grade students.

After-school care is provided by Rogy's Learning Center at PCS for PreK3-6th grade students from 3:15 PM to 6:00 PM.

## Elementary Student Assistance Coordinator

Tutoring by teacher is available during the school day for an additional fee.

Both learning gaps and enrichment needs are addressed.

PCS is not equipped to meet all special education needs.



# Elementary School Curriculum

## Kindergarten

### **Bible (ACSI)**

The students will discuss familiar Bible stories and characters that provide a foundation for living. The emphasis is on God's love and care for us. The students will also learn a weekly Bible verse and participate in weekly chapels.

### **Language Arts-Reading (ABeka)**

The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Beginning phonics (letter sounds, blends, words)
- Oral and silent reading practice (reading groups formed in November)

### **Language Arts-Creative Writing**

The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Producing a topic for writing
- Organizing multiple sentences
- Choosing specific words in their writing
- Using correct punctuation

### **Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)**

The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Whole number representation to 20
- Addition and subtraction
- Describing shapes and space
- Measurement and data

## **Science**

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Insects
- 5 senses and human body
- Magnets and forces of nature
- Planets
- Ecology
- Ocean life
- Plants
- Animals

## **Co-Curricular Classes**

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish

## First Grade

### **Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)**

All students will attend weekly chapel. All students will memorize various Scripture. The students will learn 20 biblical truths to help develop a biblical worldview.

### **Language Arts-Reading (ABeka, Reading A-Z)**

Accelerated Reader is used by all students.

The students will develop reading proficiency through:

- Phonics skills
- Comprehension strategies for fiction and non-fiction texts
- Oral and silent reading practice

### **Language Arts-Language/Spelling/Handwriting**

The students will develop Language Arts skills including:

- Proper sentence structure
- Capitalization and punctuation
- 6-trait writing
- Spelling
- D'Nealian handwriting

### **Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)**

All students will memorize basic math facts through Rocketship Math. The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Addition and subtraction strategies
- Number relationships and place value
- Linear measurements
- Time
- Graphs to represent data
- Geometry



# Elementary School Curriculum

## (First Grade Cont.)

### **Science (Christian Schools International)**

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Scientific investigation
- Senses
- Living things
- Investigating changes
- Properties of materials and objects

### **History (ABeka)**

- America and our World
- Symbols of America
- Famous Americans
- Famous places in America and around the world
- Community
- The first Thanksgiving

### **Co-Curricular Classes**

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish
- Art

## Second Grade

### **Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)**

All students will attend weekly chapel. All students will memorize various Scripture. The students will learn 20 biblical truths to help develop a biblical worldview. Second grade continues the Old Testament survey including Exodus through Judges.

### **Language Arts-Reading**

#### **(Reading Street, Scott Foresman)**

Accelerated Reader is used by all students. The students will strengthen reading proficiency through:

- Phonics skills
- Comprehension strategies for fiction and non-fiction text
- Oral and silent reading practice

### **Language Arts-Language/ Spelling/Handwriting**

The students will strengthen Language Arts skills including:

- Proper sentence structure
- Capitalization and punctuation
- Introduction to grammar
- 6-trait writing
- Spelling
- D'Nealian handwriting (introduction to cursive)

### **Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)**

All students will memorize basic math facts through Rocketship Math. The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Numbers to 1,000
- Addition and subtraction strategies & fluency
- Money and time
- Measurement
- Graphs to represent data
- Geometry and fraction concepts

### **Science (Christian Schools International)**

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Scientific investigations
- Bones and muscles
- Health and safety
- Animals
- Liquids and solids
- Position and motion
- Buoyancy and boats

### **History (ABeka)**

- Citizenship
- American symbols
- Patriotic songs and holidays
- Native Americans and colonists
- Pioneers
- Cowboys
- Future America



# Elementary School Curriculum

(Second Grade Cont.)

## Co-Curricular Classes

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish
- Art

## Third Grade

### Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)

All students will attend weekly chapel. All students will memorize various Scripture. The students will learn the 20 biblical truths that make up the House of Truth, focusing on the Image-bearing wall. The end of the year focuses on the first three kings of Israel: Saul, David and Solomon.

### Language Arts-Reading

(Reading Street, Scott Foresman)

Accelerated Reader is used by all students. The students will strengthen reading comprehension skills through:

- Various types of literature
- Oral and silent reading practice
- Vocabulary development

### Language Arts-Language/ Spelling/Handwriting

The students will strengthen Language Arts skills including:

- Proper sentence structure
- Capitalization and punctuation
- 6-trait writing
- Parts of speech
- Spelling
- D'Nealian cursive handwriting

### Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

All students will memorize basic math facts through Rocketship Math. The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Addition and subtraction within 1,000
- Multiplication & division strategies & fluency
- Representing and interpreting data
- Developing an understanding of fractions
- Measurement (time, length, volume, mass, perimeter, area)
- Geometry

### Science (Christian Schools International)

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Scientific investigations
- Circulatory and respiratory systems
- Plants
- Forces and electricity
- Heat and temperature
- Soil
- Natural resources
- Structures

### History (ABeka)

- Political figures
- Native Americans
- Explorers
- Pioneers
- Inventors

## Co-Curricular Classes

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish
- Art



# Elementary School Curriculum

## Fourth Grade

### **Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)**

All students will attend weekly chapel. All students will memorize various Scripture. Students will learn biblical truths and how those truths are seen in Scripture and how they are to be applied to daily life.

### **Language Arts-Reading**

#### **(Reading Street, Scott Foresman)**

Accelerated Reader is used by all students. The students will learn and develop reading comprehension skills through:

- Various types of literature
- Oral and silent reading practice
- Vocabulary development
- Critical thinking about literature

### **Language Arts-**

#### **Language/Spelling/Handwriting**

The students will strengthen Language Arts skills including:

- Proper sentence structure
- Capitalization and punctuation
- 6-trait writing
- Parts of speech
- Written reports through research
- Spelling
- D'Nealian cursive writing

### **Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)**

All students will memorize basic math facts through Rocketship Math. The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Numbers to 1 million
- Multiplication/division strategies & fluency
- Developing an understanding of fractions
- Equivalence, addition/subtraction/multiplication of fractions
- Relationship of fractions and decimals
- Geometry & measurement

### **Science (Christian Schools International)**

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Scientific investigation
- Organ systems
- Light
- Sound and hearing
- Minerals, rocks, and Earth's structure
- Living things and their homes

### **History (ABeka)**

- United States History
- Discovery of America
- Colonization
- First Great Awakening
- Building a new nation
- Second Great Awakening
- Western expansion
- Famous inventions and inventors
- Civil Rights movement
- Wars
- Accomplishments and challenges of Presidents from Eisenhower to present

### **Co-Curricular Classes**

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish
- Art