



# Delaware Valley Classical School

## K-6 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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		K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Humanities	Biblical Studies & Theology	Bible Overview <i>Holy Bible (ESV), The Jesus Storybook Bible (Lloyd-Jones)</i>	Bible Overview and Books of the Bible Memorization <i>Holy Bible (ESV), The Jesus Storybook Bible (Lloyd-Jones)</i>	Old Testament: Genesis to Ruth <i>Holy Bible (ESV), God's Great Covenant (Larsen)</i>	Old Testament: 1 Samuel to 2 Kings <i>Holy Bible (ESV), God's Great Covenant (Larsen)</i>	Old Testament: 1 Chronicles to Malachi <i>Holy Bible (ESV), God's Great Covenant (Larsen)</i>	New Testament: The Gospels <i>Holy Bible (ESV), God's Great Covenant (Larsen)</i>	New Testament: Acts to Revelation <i>Holy Bible (ESV), God's Great Covenant (Larsen)</i>
		Weekly Bible memory aligns w/ letter-of-the-week	DVCS Bible Memory Program	Westminster Shorter Catechism and DVCS Bible Memory Program				
	Composition & Grammar	Cursive handwriting	Shurley English 1, Cursive handwriting	Shurley English 2	Shurley English 3	Shurley English 4, Writing and Rhetoric Book 1	Shurley English 6, The Grammar of Poetry (Whitling), Progymnasmata: Narrative (Selby), The Art of Poetry (Perrin), Composition in the Classical Tradition (D'Angelo)	Shurley English 7, The Grammar of Poetry (Whitling), Progymnasmata: Narrative (Selby), The Art of Poetry (Perrin), Composition in the Classical Tradition (D'Angelo)
	Literature & Reading	Beginning reading skills, phonograms, and reading groups using leveled readers  A Selection of Teacher Read Aloud Books: Books by Dr. Seuss, Nursery Rhyme Book (Potter), The Little Engine that Could (Piper), The Children's Book of Virtues (Bennett), Frog and Toad (Lobel), Help Me Be Good series (Berry), Raggedy Ann and Andy (Gruelle), The Giving Tree (Silverstein)	<i>Amelia Bedelia (Parish), Bread and Jam for Frances (Hoban), Curious George (Rey), Frog and Toad (Lobel), Little Bear (Minarik), Nate the Great (Sharmat), Red Fox and His Canoe (Benchley), Sarah Plain and Tall (MacLachlan)</i>  Teacher Read Aloud: My Father's Dragon (Gannett), Winnie the Pooh (Milne), Beezus and Ramona (Cleary), The Tale of Despereaux (DiCamillo), The Chocolate Touch (Cating), Misty of Chincoteague (Henry)	<i>Charlotte's Web (White), Boxcar Children (Warner), Aesop's Fables (Aesop), Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters (Steptoe), The Mouse and the Motorcycle (Cleary)</i>  Teacher Read Aloud Books: Little Bo (Andrews), Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Dahl), Half Magic (Eager), Magic by the Lake (Eager)	<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Lewis), The Magician's Nephew (Lewis), The Hundred Dresses (Estes), Detectives in Togas (Winterfeld), Stuart Little (White)</i>	<i>The Cricket in Times Square (Selden), From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (Konigsburg), Little Pilgrim's Progress (Taylor), D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths (D'Aulaires), Where the Red Fern Grows (Rawls)</i>	<i>Anne of Green Gables (Montgomery), Black Ships Before Troy (Sutcliffe), Heidi (Spyri), Johnny Tremain (Forbes), The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Twain), The Twenty-One Balloons (Pène du Bois), Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (O'Brien)</i>	<i>By the Great Horn Spoon! (Fleischman), Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes (Coerr), The Phantom Tollbooth (Juster), Call of the Wild (London), Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Taylor)</i>
	Phonics and Spelling	Veritas Phonics Museum; Spell to Write and Read	Spell to Write and Read	Spell to Write and Read	Spell to Write and Read	Spell to Write and Read	Spell to Write and Read	
	Geography	Continents and beginning map skills, land forms	Seven Continents and Seven Seas <i>Map Skills for Today: Grade 1 Weekly Reader</i>	US States and Africa	Map Skills <i>Map Skills for Today: Grade 3 Weekly Reader</i>	Europe <i>Legends and Leagues North Storybook and Workbook</i>	US Geography <i>National Geographic Society Kids US Atlas, States and Capitals (Memoria Press)</i>	World Geography <i>Geography I and II (Memoria Press)</i>
	History			<i>Ancient Egypt (Veritas) and The Old Testament (ESV)</i>	<i>Ancient Greece and Rome (Veritas)</i>	<i>Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation (Veritas)</i>	<i>Explorers to 1815 (Veritas)</i>	<i>1815 to Present (Veritas)</i>
	Ancient Language				Latin <i>Picta Dicta Latin Primer 1</i>	Latin <i>Picta Dicta Latin Primer 1</i>	Latin <i>Picta Dicta Latin Primer 2</i>	Latin <i>Picta Dicta Latin Primer 2</i>



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Science		Seasonal characteristics and simple weather, five senses, rolling and sliding, floating and sinking, bugs	Insects, animal classification, weather, matter, color and light, magnets, solar system, microscope	Earth, rocks and minerals, habitats, air and water, simple machines, science skills and tools	Five senses, plants, invertebrates, desert habitat, weather, water chemistry, astronomy, experimental method	Vertebrates, classification, birds, human circulatory and respiratory system, geology, forest habitat, sound and hearing, science history	Plants, animal life cycles, human nervous system, ecology, ocean habitat, food chemistry, energy, science in the news	Cell, plants and photosynthesis, human digestive system, pond habitat, atoms, chemical reactions, inventions and technology, experimental design
Fine Arts	Music	Melodic and rhythmic diction and pitch matching	Progressive melodic and rhythmic diction and pitch matching	Progressive melodic and rhythmic diction and pitch matching	Musical literacy and two-part harmony	Musical literacy, two-part harmony, and Key signatures; Medieval, Renaissance	Three-part harmony, music literacy, Baroque and Classical	Three-part harmony, ear training, sight and singing, Romantic and Modern
		Combined Choir			Combined Choir		Combined Choir	
	Poetry and Prose	Students learn and memorize poetry and prose as part of instruction in Rhetoric and Composition. The Fine Arts: Poetry and Prose Symposium is an annual event where students memorize classic poetry or prose, honing their oratory skills and stage presence. As students progress from 1st through 12th grade, the difficulty of the selections increase.						
	Visual Arts	Basic concepts and techniques; recognition of major works of Western art	Observational drawing; art techniques; elements of art; major works of Western art	Observational drawing; art techniques; Mesopotamia and Egyptian art	Observational drawing; art techniques; Greek and Roman art	Observational drawing; art techniques (focus on textiles); Medieval art	Observational drawing; print; book and paper making; Renaissance	Observational drawing; painting; color theory; American artists; late Renaissance and Mannerist art
Physical Education		Cardiovascular conditioning, coordination, teamwork, and motor skills (passing, dribbling, and running); Tiny Titans athletics offers seasonal extracurricular sports opportunities						