



## **Philosophy of Science Education**

The primary goal of teaching Science at Sanborn Christian School is that each student is to know and glorify God as the Creator of the Universe. They will be taught that God created everything and that He created it intricately woven and dependent on Him. He also gave man the responsibility to use creation for His glory. Genesis 1:1 states that "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." This is the foundation which is a beginning point for all of science. This is all done for the purpose of "Educating under God's Word for serving God in His World."

God has revealed Himself through the Bible and through His creation. Science is a gift from God that allows us to stand in awe of Him for the wonderful way that He alone created our world. Curiosity and scientific inquiry of God's complexity and the intricacy of His handiwork in the study of Science will create a wonder that will grow into worshipful awe in each student. As students begin to view all of life through the eyes of faith, they will see evidence of God's power, wisdom, beauty, and love all around them. Colossians 1:16-17 states that "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

God is the Creator of the Universe and actively involved in the physical world; there is order and purpose in all creation and nothing happens by chance, all is part of God's providence. Since God is constant and unchanging, scientific laws are also constant. As Christian teachers we have the privilege and responsibility to teach our students a respect for and understanding of God's order and design in Science. Through the study of Science, our students will develop a deeper understanding of our Creator, an acknowledgement of His awesome power, and the knowledge of performing our responsibilities as caretakers.

We recognize that sin has blemished God's perfect creation, and we as sinners, have a distorted view of creation. Our students must recognize that the world's view is often corrupted and in contradiction to God's Word. Students should be able to defend

their beliefs through a Biblical worldview that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe.

Science is the investigation of the workings of God's creation and the Cultural Mandate. Genesis 1:28 says "God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Science must lead students to the further unfolding and redeeming of creation by instilling a sense of awe for who God is and helping them understand our role as stewards of creation. Using Science responsibly, we commit to honoring God by caring for His World.

The way we teach our students about creation will point them to the Creator. Science is taught to discover the complexity and orderliness of God's world through observation and logical thinking, as well as through the eyes of scripture and the Christian faith. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the Earth!" Psalm 8:9.