



Philosophy of Bible and Bible Memorization

The Bible curriculum at Sanborn Christian School is anchored in the Living Word of God. It leads to an understanding of God, showing His relationship with humankind through man's creation, fall, and restoration to a justified position with Him. We believe the Bible to be the only infallible, inspired, and authoritative word of God. It not only provides a foundation for all other curriculums, it should also be a curriculum unto itself, including Bible history, application, memory work and devotions.

Our Bible curriculum is determined by scripture itself, which says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11) and "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads." (Deuteronomy 6:6-8).

Our Bible curriculum will give students a life-long foundational knowledge about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, our salvation, and our being transformed to a holy life. It is imperative for students to know this as they are increasingly exposed to a non-Christian world.

Our Bible content is based primarily on the Old and New Testament scriptures. Classroom time spent in telling Bible stories is principally used for teaching the facts from the Bible. However, great emphasis is placed on seizing teachable moments that will touch the hearts of the children. We teach Bible stories as an unfolding drama about God's relationship with His world and we discuss God's creation, man's fall, and God's plan of salvation as it unfolds throughout the centuries. It is taught in ways to guide, unfold, and enable our students to respond with a sense of gratitude and wonder toward God and His written revelation. This will lead them to a greater knowledge of their Lord and Savior, encourage and affirm their faith, and enable them to fulfill their tasks as disciples in His Kingdom. God's unfailing love towards his people is revealed in the Bible. Bible is taught to nurture our students in faith, help them identify and express their faith, and assist them in the struggles in their lives. Students must also

have acknowledgement of God and His word which will enable them to become kingdom workers.

Scripture memorization at SCS is an integral part of the Bible curriculum. It fulfills God's command to impress God's word on the hearts of our children. Words committed to memory can never be taken away and are always there for inspiration and guidance. Our Bible Memory passages are chosen either according to our curriculum study or for life lessons, verses that we feel students should have hidden in their hearts to use the rest of their lives.