



FREEDOM MINISTRIES

IMPACTING LIVES BUILDING LEADERS

STANDARDS OF MASTERY

FOUNDATIONS ACADEMIC GUIDE

PRE-K – 5TH GRADE

Building strong foundations. Raising leaders.



FAITH • EXCELLENCE • LEADERSHIP • IMPACT



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Strong standards.
Lasting learning.



FAITH-BASED FOUNDATION

Truth and character
guide every step.



LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Equipping students to
lead with confidence
and purpose.



KINGDOM IMPACT

Preparing students
to make a difference
for eternity.



TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS,
GROWING LEADERS, AND IMPACTING GENERATIONS *for Christ.*

MORE THAN A PROGRAM—



A LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS.

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AGES 3 – 5TH GRADE



OUR MISSION

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OUR MODEL



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MASTERY, CONFIDENCE & CHARACTER OVER PACE



RAISING LEADERS WHO KNOW WHO THEY ARE, WHOSE THEY ARE, AND WHERE THEY'RE GOING.



PRE-K (Ages 3-5)

Building Hearts and Minds on Solid Ground

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LANGUAGE ARTS

Print Awareness & Readiness

- Holds books correctly and turns pages left to right
- Understands that print carries meaning
- Recognizes own name in print
- Participates in read-aloud discussions

Letter Knowledge

- Recognizes most uppercase letters
- Recognizes many lowercase letters
- Matches uppercase to lowercase letters
- Identifies letters in name and familiar words

Phonological Awareness

- Hears rhyming words
- Produces simple rhymes
- Identifies beginning sounds in words
- Claps syllables in names and words
- Blends simple oral sounds with support

Fine Motor / Writing Readiness

- Correct pencil/crayon grip development
- Traces lines, curves, shapes
- Traces first name
- Begins copying letters

Oral Language

- Speaks in complete thoughts
- Answers simple comprehension questions
- Retells events in order
- Expands vocabulary through themed units



MATH

Number Readiness

- Counts aloud to 20+
- Counts objects with one-to-one correspondence to 10
- Recognizes numerals 0-10
- Understands more / less / same

Early Operations

- Combines groups with manipulatives
- Separates groups with manipulatives
- Understands "add one more" concepts

Patterns / Shapes

- Identifies circle, square, triangle, rectangle
- Creates AB / AAB patterns
- Sorts by size, shape, color

Measurement / Time

- Uses vocabulary: longer, shorter, heavier, lighter
- Understands day/night, morning/evening
- Names days of week with support



SCIENCE

Creation & Observation

- Identifies weather types
- Observes seasons
- Names common animals and plants
- Uses five senses to observe the world
- Understands basic body parts and healthy habits

Hands-On Exploration

- Sink/float play
- Nature walks
- Plant growth observation
- Magnet and motion play

FREEDOM DISTINCTIVES

- Manners and kindness
- Following routines
- Group participation
- Bible stories and memory verses
- Beginning responsibility habits



FAMILY PARTNERSHIP & EDUCATIONAL MODEL

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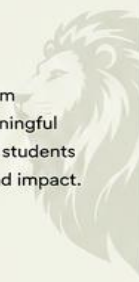
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LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading Foundations

- Knows all letter names and sounds
- Reads CVC words (cat, sit, hop)
- Reads CVCC/CCVC words (hand, stop)
- Blends sounds smoothly in short words
- Segments sounds in simple words

Long Vowel Introduction

- Reads common silent-e words (cap/cape, kit/kite)
- Introduced to long vowel patterns in simple words
- Recognizes that vowels can say their name

Vowel Team Introduction

- Reads basic teams in high-frequency words:
 - ai (rain) • ee (see)
 - oa (boat)

High-Frequency / Heart Words

- Reads common early heart words automatically
- Uses heart words in writing

Writing

- Writes first and last name correctly
- Writes phonetic sentences with support
- Uses capitals at sentence start
- Uses ending punctuation with guidance
- Draws and labels pictures

Grammar / Oral Language

- Identifies noun vs action word informally
- Retells stories in sequence
- Answers who/what/where questions



MATH

Number Sense

- Counts to 100 by ones
- Counts to 20 by tens supportfully
- Writes numerals 0-20
- Compares numbers greater/less

Operations

- Addition within 10 using manipulatives
- Subtraction within 10 using pictures/objects
- Solves story problems orally

Place Value / Shapes

- Understands tens and ones introduction
- Identifies 2D and basic 3D shapes

Measurement / Time / Money

- Tells time to hour
- Compares length and weight
- Identifies penny, nickel, dime, quarter



SCIENCE

Life Science

- Needs of plants and animals
- Habitats basics
- Life cycles intro

Earth / Space

- Weather tracking
- Sun, moon, stars basics
- Seasons and clothing choices

Physical Science

- Push/pull motion
- Light and sound intro
- States of matter exposure

Scientific Skills

- Ask questions
- Make observations
- Record findings through drawing



FREEDOM DISTINCTIVES



Classroom Jobs



Scripture Memory



Respect and Self-Control



Speaking Before Peers



Independence Growth



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★ 1ST GRADE STANDARDS



LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading Fluency

- Reads controlled and decodable readers smoothly
- Reads grade-level text with improving pace and accuracy
- Self-corrects when meaning breaks down

Phonics Mastery

- Masters short vowels in connected text
- Reads blends and digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh, ck)
- Reads silent-e long vowel words consistently
- Reads vowel teams: ai, ay • ee, ea • oa, ow • ie, igh
- Reads y as long i/e at end of short words (my, by, baby)

Advanced Decoding

- Reads words ending in -ing, -ed, -s, -es
- Reads compound words
- Reads two-syllable words with support

Writing

- Writes complete sentences independently
- Uses capitals, punctuation, spacing
- Writes 3-5 sentence paragraphs with support
- Writes personal narrative pieces
- Responds to stories in writing

Grammar

- Nouns, verbs, adjectives
- Singular/plural nouns
- Proper noun capitalization
- Question vs. statement punctuation

Comprehension

- Retells beginning/middle/end
- Identifies main idea with support
- Makes predictions
- Answers text-based questions



MATH

Number Sense

- Counts to 120+
- Reads/writes numbers to 120
- Place value tens/ones

Operations

- Addition/subtraction within 20 fluency
- Addition within 100 using strategies
- Subtraction within 100 intro
- Missing number equations

Measurement / Time / Money

- Tell time to half hour
- Count coins combinations
- Measure with nonstandard units
- Compare lengths and weights

Geometry / Shapes

- Identify and sort 2D and 3D shapes
- Partition shapes into halves/quarters
- Identify symmetry in simple shapes
- Describe shape attributes

Data / Graphing

- Collect data
- Create bar graphs
- Interpret simple graphs



SCIENCE

Life Science

- Plant and animal life cycles
- Needs of living things
- Organ systems introduction

Earth / Space Science

- Weather and seasons
- Landforms and bodies of water
- Sun, moon, stars patterns

Physical Science

- Properties of matter
- Force and motion
- Magnets and simple machines
- Light and sound exploration

Scientific Skills

- Ask questions
- Make and test predictions
- Conduct simple experiments
- Record and communicate findings

FREEDOM DISTINCTIVES

- Memory verses
- Character development
- Responsibility & independence
- Respect & teamwork
- Biblical worldview foundations



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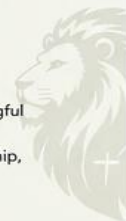
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★ 2ND GRADE STANDARDS



LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading

- Reads grade-level text with fluency and expression
- Uses context clues to determine meaning
- Identifies main idea and key details
- Makes inferences and draws conclusions

Phonics & Word Study

- Reviews all phonics patterns
- Reads and spells multisyllabic words
- Identifies root words and common affixes
- Understands homophones and contractions

Writing

- Writes informative, narrative, and opinion pieces
- Uses topic sentences and details
- Uses correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
- Edits and revises writing with guidance

Grammar

- Nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
- Pronouns and possessives
- Types of sentences
- Commas in dates and lists

Vocabulary

- Learns new words in context
- Uses dictionary/glossary
- Annotes words that match meaning



MATH

Number Sense

- Place value to 1,000
- Compare and order numbers
- Skip count by 2s, 5s, 10s

Operations

- Addition and subtraction within 100 fluency
- Addition with regrouping (within 100)
- Subtraction with regrouping (within 100)
- Solve one- and two-step word problems

Measurement / Time / Money

- Tell and write time to 5 minutes
- Use standard units (inch, foot, yard, cm, m)
- Measure capacity, weight, length
- Identify coins and their values; make amounts

Geometry / Shapes

- Identify and classify 2D and 3D shapes
- Partition shapes into halves, thirds, fourths
- Identify lines of symmetry
- Identify and create patterns

Data / Graphing

- Collect and organize data
- Create bar, picture, and line plots
- Solve problems using data



SCIENCE

Life Science

- Plants and animals in habitats
- Adaptations
- Life cycles

Earth / Space Science

- Earth's resources and conservation
- Weather patterns
- Day, night, and seasons

Physical Science

- States of matter
- Changes in matter
- Motion and energy
- Simple machines

Scientific Skills

- Ask investigable questions
- Plan and conduct experiments
- Analyze and interpret data
- Communicate findings

FREEDOM DISTINCTIVES

- Scripture memory
- Godly character
- Independent learning habits
- Service & kindness
- Gratitude & stewardship



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★ 3RD GRADE STANDARDS



LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading

- Reads and comprehends grade-level passages with fluency
- Identifies main idea, key details, and supporting evidence
- Makes inferences and draws conclusions
- Uses context clues and word parts to determine meaning
- Reads and enjoys a variety of genres

Writing

- Writes well-organized paragraphs with topic sentences and details
- Uses strong transitions and varied sentence structure
- Edits and revises for grammar, spelling, and clarity
- Writes narrative, informative, and opinion pieces

Grammar & Vocabulary

- Parts of speech: nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
- Subject-verb agreement
- Proper punctuation and capitalization
- Learns and applies new vocabulary



MATH

Number Sense

- Understands place value to thousands
- Compares and rounds numbers
- Multiplies and divides within 100
- Solves multi-step word problems

Operations & Algebraic Thinking

- Addition and subtraction within 1,000
- Multiplication facts 0–12
- Division with and without remainders
- Solves one- and two-step equations with unknowns

Measurement & Data

- Measures length, mass, liquid volume, and temperature
- Tells time to the minute
- Reads and interprets line plots, bar graphs, and pictographs

Geometry

- Identifies and classifies 2D and 3D shapes
- Understands area and perimeter
- Lines, angles, and symmetry



SCIENCE

Life Science

- Cells and living organisms
- Ecosystems and food webs
- Plants: structures and functions
- Human body systems

Earth & Space Science

- Rocks, minerals, and fossils
- Weather, climate, and water cycle
- Earth's features and resources
- Solar system and planets

Physical Science

- Forces and motion
- Matter: solids, liquids, gases
- Energy forms and changes
- Simple machines

Scientific Skills

- Asks questions and makes predictions
- Conducts investigations
- Collects and analyzes data
- Draws conclusions and communicates findings

FREEDOM DISTINCTIVES



Scripture Memory



Character Development



Responsibility & Independence



Respect & Teamwork



Biblical Worldview Foundations



★ 4TH GRADE STANDARDS



LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading

- Reads grade-level text with fluency and expression
- Analyzes characters, setting, and plot
- Identifies themes and author's purpose
- Compares and contrasts texts
- Uses context and word study strategies to determine meaning

Writing

- Writes organized essays with clear introductions and conclusions
- Develops ideas with facts, details, and examples
- Uses correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- Writes narrative, informative, opinion, and persuasive pieces

Grammar & Vocabulary

- Complete parts of speech review
- Complex sentences and conjunctions
- Figurative language
- Expands vocabulary and usage



MATH

Number Sense

- Understands place value to ten thousands
- Multiplies and divides multi-digit numbers
- Rounds and estimates for problem solving

Operations & Algebraic Thinking

- Multi-digit multiplication and division
- Fraction concepts and operations
- Solve multi-step word problems
- Patterns, functions, and equations

Measurement & Data

- Convert measurements (customary and metric)
- Find area, perimeter, and volume
- Graph and interpret data: line plots, bar graphs, and tables

Geometry

- Classify and measure angles
- Lines of symmetry and transformations
- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes



SCIENCE

Life Science

- Human body systems and health
- Plant and animal adaptations
- Ecosystems and environmental interactions

Earth & Space Science

- Earth's layers and tectonic activity
- Weathering, erosion, and natural resources
- Solar system, stars, and galaxies

Physical Science

- Energy and its transformations
- Waves, sound, and light
- Electricity and magnetism
- Properties of matter

Scientific Skills

- Develop and test hypotheses
- Analyze and interpret data
- Draw conclusions and present findings clearly

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5TH GRADE STANDARDS

Students build advanced academic skills, think critically, solve problems, and develop godly character as future leaders.



LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading

- Reads and analyzes grade-level and above-level text
- Identifies theme, main idea, and author's craft
- Makes inferences and draws conclusions with evidence
- Summarizes and synthesizes information from multiple sources
- Evaluates arguments and author's purpose
- Uses context clues and figurative language to determine meaning
- Reads a variety of genres with confidence

Writing

- Writes multi-paragraph essays with strong structure
- Uses effective introductions, transitions, and conclusions
- Supports writing with facts, examples, and details
- Edits for grammar, punctuation, and clarity
- Writes persuasive, informative, and narrative pieces
- Incorporates research and citations when appropriate

Grammar & Vocabulary

- Identifies and uses parts of speech correctly
- Understands and uses subject-verb agreement
- Uses correct verb tenses and pronouns
- Applies commas, semicolons, and quotation marks
- Expands vocabulary and uses academic language
- Understands figurative language and word relationships



MATH

Number Sense

- Understands place value to millions
- Reads, writes, and compares large numbers
- Rounds whole numbers and decimals
- Understands fractions, decimals, and percents

Operations & Algebraic Thinking

- Multi-digit whole number operations and decimals
- Add, subtract, multiply, divide fractions
- Solve equations and inequalities
- Identify and extend patterns
- Understand order of operations

Measurement & Data

- Convert measurements within the customary and metric systems
- Find area, perimeter, volume, and surface area
- Graph and interpret data: line plots, bar graphs, circle graphs, and more
- Calculate mean, median, mode, and range

Geometry

- Classify and measure 2D and 3D figures
- Understand angle relationships and types of triangles
- Identify parallel and perpendicular lines
- Calculate volume of rectangular prisms



SCIENCE

Life Science

- Cells and heredity
- Human body systems
- Plants and animal adaptations
- Ecosystems and biodiversity

Earth & Space Science

- Earth's structure and resources
- Rock cycle and soil conservation
- Weather, climate, and natural disasters
- Solar system and universe

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- Properties of matter
- Energy and its transformations
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Our role is to come alongside member families by providing **academic support, enrichment instruction, mentorship, structure, and educational resources** within a collaborative community setting. Family participation is an essential component of our model and is both valued and expected.



We teach to strong academic standards and maintain high expectations for student growth. At the same time, we recognize that each child develops uniquely in academics, maturity, confidence, and readiness. For this reason, we seek to **meet students where they are, build trust, strengthen confidence**, and help them progress at an appropriate pace.



When beneficial and with parent partnership and approval, a student may continue strengthening foundational skills at their current instructional level before advancing to more difficult material. This **individualized approach** may mean a student participates socially within an age-appropriate class group while completing certain academic assignments at their present readiness level.



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FAITH



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LEADERSHIP



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