

8TH

BIBLE LANGUAGE ARTS SOCIAL STUDIES

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DEGREES

M.Ed. in Elementary Education
Reading Specialist Endorsement
Northern Arizona University

BS in Elementary Education
Early Childhood Endorsement
Southwest Baptist University

YEARS IN THE FIELD

20 years

CERTIFICATIONS

Standard Teaching Certification:
Arizona

Endorsements:

Reading
Early Childhood
English as a Second Language

Lifetime Certification

Association of Christian Schools
International (ACSI)

STUDENTS' SERVING OTHERS PROJECTS

Eighth Grade Service Project
Gospel Rescue Mission's
Women's & Children's Center
Praying Pelican Ministries
Feed My Starving Children
(meal packing)

8TH GRADE CORE

Middle school students desire to have their voices be heard, know how things apply to them, and feel loved and valued.

At Casas, students learn through developmentally appropriate strategies and differentiated lessons designed to target what the students are ready to learn in the way that is best for them.

Students discover how the Lord has worked throughout history, and connect peoples' concerns in the past with the concerns, events, and issues of today. In eighth grade, the history content focuses on the post-Civil War reconstruction through the present. Students complete a variety of enriching activities to strengthen their creativity and grow as life-long learners.

In language arts, care is taken to help develop each student's love for reading. Some of the novel studies correlate with the history units to enrich the students' understanding of the period. Other novel studies are chosen based upon literary excellence to strengthen students' skills as readers, writers, and critical thinkers.

Regardless of the genre, every novel study challenges the students to consider things through a biblical worldview and to communicate with excellence (whether giving a presentation, writing in different domains, or collaborating with others). Students use Thinking Maps to help organize their thoughts and better support their writing. Students are taught and challenged in all of the Six-Traits and practice writing different styles of poetry. Most grammar instruction is given in the context of the student's own writing.

In Bible, students complete topical studies to strengthen and deepen their faith and worldview.

EXAMPLES OF NOVEL STUDIES

(Due to differentiation, the list will vary by student.)

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Out of the Dust, The Hiding Place, Friedrich, Flygirl, Elephant Run, Shackleton's Stowaway, Treasure Island, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Bruchko, and much more!

Curriculum

World History: Civil War to the Present by Holt McDougal
Lightbearers: Worldview by Summit Ministries