



## Home Run Ministries Elementary Academy Courses

### **Math Skills A**

Suggested Age: 7-10

Prerequisites: *ABeka Math 2* or equivalent AND successful completion of the Readiness Evaluation found on the Home Run Ministries website.

Process:

The experienced teacher will teach the concepts and provide guided instruction for the parent to reinforce and evaluate progress through the week. This course will review all addition and subtraction facts including borrowing and carrying. Students will memorize multiplication tables from 0-12 and learn to compute long division problems. Other topics covered include converting measurement, averaging numbers, story problems, solving basic equations and performing basic operations with fractions.

Curriculum/Material:

*ABeka Arithmetic 3* Student Work Text

Student Tests/Speed Drills and Answer Key optional

### **Math Skills B**

Suggested Age: 9-11

Prerequisites: *ABeka Math 3* or equivalent AND successful completion of the Readiness Evaluation found on the Home Run Ministries website.

Process:

The experienced teacher will teach the concepts and provide guided instruction for the parent to reinforce and evaluate progress through the week. This course will review addition and carrying, subtraction with borrowing, multiplication with borrowing, division with one digit divisor, measurement problems, and basic operations of fractions. Students will learn the place value of large numbers, story problem word clues, multiplication by 10 and 100, checking multiplication, multiplying by a factor of three, finding common factors, the greatest common factor, proper and improper fractions, and dividing with a two digit divisor.

Materials:

*ABeka Arithmetic 4* Student Work Text

Student Tests/Speed Drills and Answer Key optional

## **Math Skills C**

Suggested age 10-12

Prerequisite: *ABeka Math 4* or equivalent AND successful completion of the Readiness Evaluation found on the Home Run Ministries website.

Process:

The experienced teacher will teach the concepts and provide guided instruction for the parents to reinforce and evaluate progress through the week. This course will cover cross multiplication, calculating time, dividing with a three digit divisor, solving algebraic equations, comparing decimals, changing decimals to fractions, converting measurements, reading and drawing graphs, and dividing fractions. Upon recommendation by the teacher, students successfully completing this class may bypass the placement exam for HRM Secondary Academy Beginning Math course.

Curriculum/Materials:

*ABeka Arithmetic 5* Student Work Text

Tests/Speed Drills Book and Answer Key optional

## **Writing and Grammar A**

Suggested Age: 7-10

Prerequisite: Elementary Phonics 2 or equivalent, basic competency in reading and handwriting AND successful completion of the Readiness Evaluation found on the Home Ministries website.

Purpose:

Students will gain confidence in constructing sentences. Using *Easy Grammar* Grade 3 will cover capitalization, punctuation, and begin a study of the parts of speech. Students will also learn the types of sentences, dictionary skills, and write friendly letters. Class time will include both group and individual writing, as well as other activities using grammar concepts. The teacher will provide instruction and tools to aid the parent in evaluation.

Curriculum/Materials:

*Easy Grammar 3* by Wanda Phillips

## **Writing and Grammar B**

Suggested Age: 9-11

Prerequisite: *Easy Grammar 3* or equivalent, basic competency in reading and handwriting AND successful completion of the Readiness Evaluation found on the Home Ministries website.

Purpose:

Using *Easy Grammar 4* students will learn additional capitalization and punctuation rules. Students will cover the parts of speech and begin to write more intricate sentences to develop a high level of writing. Students will begin to write single paragraph essays. Class time will include both group and individual writing, as well as other activities using grammar concepts. The teacher will provide instruction and tools to aid the parent in evaluation.

Curriculum/Materials:

*Easy Grammar Grade 4* by Wanda Phillips

## **Grammar and Writing C**

Suggested Age: 10-12

Prerequisite: *Easy Grammar 4* or equivalent, basic competency in reading and handwriting AND successful completion of the Readiness Evaluation found on the Home Ministries website.

Purpose:

Using *Easy Grammar 5* and Institute for Excellence in Writing materials students will continue identifying the parts of speech, gain a greater understanding of sentence mechanics, and begin to learn the IEW style techniques of sentence dress-ups and sentence openers utilized at the HRM Secondary Academy as they write paragraphs. Class time will include both group and individual writing, as well as other activities using grammar concepts. The teacher will provide instruction and tools to aid the parent in evaluation. Upon recommendation of the teacher, students successfully completing this course may bypass the placement test for HRM Secondary Academy Basic English and the HRM Writing Bootcamp.

Curriculum/Materials:

*Easy Grammar Grade 5*

## **Critical Thinking A**

Suggested Age: 7-10

Prerequisite: Students must have a 2nd grade reading level, comprehension and basic writing skills. Students must be able to work in cooperative groups.

Purpose:

*Students who develop critical thinking skills have greater success in math, language arts, and other academic subjects. Critical thinkers are able to analyze evidence and make clear decisions and communicate their ideas clearly.*

Process:

Students will develop higher-order thinking through activities including logical thinking, sequencing, classifications, analogies, spatial awareness, map reading and geometric concepts. The teacher will provide weekly suggestions for the parents to reinforce critical thinking. Class time will include both group and individual activities to strengthen skills learned throughout the week.

Curriculum/Materials:

*Building Critical Thinking Skills Level 1*

## **Critical Thinking B**

Suggested Age: 9-11

Prerequisite: Students must have a 3rd grade reading level, comprehension and basic writing skills. Students must be able to work in cooperative groups.

Purpose:

*Students who develop critical thinking skills have greater success in math, language arts, and other academic subjects. Critical thinkers are able to analyze evidence and make clear decisions and communicate their ideas clearly.*

Process:

Students will develop high-order thinking through activities including similarities and differences, logical thinking, sequencing, classifications, analogies, antonyms and synonyms, spatial awareness, map reading, following and writing directions, and geometric concepts. The teacher will provide weekly suggestions for the parents to reinforce critical thinking. Class time will include both group and individual activities to strengthen skills learned throughout the week.

Curriculum/Materials:

*Building Critical Thinking Skills Level 2*

## **Critical Thinking C**

Suggested Age: 10-12

Prerequisite: Students must have a 4th grade reading level, comprehension and basic writing skills. Students must be able to work in cooperative groups.

Purpose:

*Students who develop critical thinking skills have greater success in math, language arts, and other academic subjects. Critical thinkers are able to analyze evidence and make clear decisions and communicate their ideas clearly.*

Process:

Students will develop high-order thinking through activities including similarities and differences, logical thinking, sequencing, classifications, analogies, antonyms and synonyms, spatial awareness, map reading, following and writing directions, and geometric concepts. The teacher will provide weekly suggestions for the parents to reinforce critical thinking. Class time will include both group and individual activities to strengthen skills learned throughout the week.

Curriculum/Materials:

*The Basics of Critical Thinking*

## **Afternoon Block - Science/History/Literature Unit Study**

Ages: 7-12

Prerequisite: Students must have basic reading and writing skills, and be able to follow directions and work cooperatively with a group.

Purpose:

This two hour course will combine developments in science, world history, and literature based on the subjects covered using experiments, hands-on activities, and dynamic group interaction. This course will repeat in a three year cycle and satisfies the Texas homeschool law for both reading (literature) and good citizenship. Guided instruction and activities will be suggested for the parent to use throughout the week.

Curriculum/Materials:

*Story of the World* (vol. 1,2, or 3 depending on year) by Susan Wise Bauer

*Apologia Exploring Creation* (new text chosen each year) by Jeannie Fulbright

Literature- based on topics covered - to be announced

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