

# EXPLORATIONS

*Learning Through Literature*

<http://circlechristianschool.org/academics/lower-school/explorations/>

Are you looking for a program that:

- explores the world through beautifully illustrated children's books?
- strengthens your child's written and spoken communication skills?
- launches learning in the classroom that extends at home?
- provides self-contained classrooms with gentle structure and academic standards lead by trained educators, who create a richly layered learning environment?
- models how to create discussion-based, hands-on unit studies at home?
- enables you to teach multiple children using the same curriculum and resources?
- builds your family legacy as well as your family library?

Take a look at Explorations:

- **Grades:** K4 – 3rd grade
- **Locations:** Mondays at CrossLife Church of Oviedo | Tuesdays at Calvary Orlando
- **Times:** 8:45am – 1:50pm
- **Subjects covered in the classroom and at home:** Reading Comprehension | Writing Composition | Science | Social Studies | Bible | Art
- **Add these subjects to complete your elementary curriculum:** Math | Phonics/Reading Instruction | Handwriting | Spelling | Grammar
- **Classroom teachers:** Create hands-on learning environments and experiences based on beautiful books | Inspire imagination through captivating story times | Lead lively book discussions | Teach writing composition | Introduce scientific inquiry | Guide social studies discovery | Plan assignments to be completed at home and shared in class | Craft a classroom community in which students are nurtured and encouraged
- **Parents:** Receive grade-specific Home Lesson Plans (HLPs) that provide subject-by-subject, hyper-linked unit studies for each book | Learn how to use beautiful books to teach and inspire their students in multiple subject areas | Create delight-filled learning environments at home | Lead discussion-based, activity-focused home lessons | Have fun with their children
- **Students:** Enjoy the best of children's literature | Participate in a self-contained classroom with an art class | Develop teacher and peer relationships based on discovery and delight | Strengthen communication skills, love of reading, and understanding of God's wonderful world | Participate in quarterly *Explorations Presents!* programs | Benefit from connected lessons in class and at home | Have a lot of fun!
- **This program is great for:** Students who love to create and explore | Students who need to move, ask questions, and share experiences in order to learn best | Parents who want to foster delight-filled learning | Parents who want to use beautifully illustrated children's books as the jumping off point into deeper academic and life lessons | Families who want to take weekly adventures by learning together!



# FOUNDATIONS

*An Integrated Survey of History and The Arts*

<http://circlechristianschool.org/academics/lower-school/foundations/>

## Are you looking for a program:

- that integrates subjects in their historical context?
- whose classrooms provide a broad exposure to subjects with hands-on experiences?
- that gives you freedom to customize in-depth learning according to your child's interests?
- which allows your whole family to learn together?
- which includes character development and practical application of the doctrines of scripture?
- with a focus on discovering *and celebrating* the unique way God has created your student?

## Take a look at Foundations

- **Grades:** K4 – 6th
- **Locations:** Thursday at CrossLife Church in Oviedo | Friday at Calvary Orlando in Winter Park
- **Times:** 8:45am - 1:50pm
- **The 2017-2018 time period is the 20th Century.**
- **Subjects covered in the program:** History | Bible/Worldview | Science | Performing Arts | Visual Arts
- K4 – 1st grade are in a self-contained classroom | 2nd – 6th graders rotate between classes, teachers
- **Add these subjects to your home studies:** Reading | Grammar | Spelling | Handwriting | Math
- Foundations follows a **history-based outline integrating the arts, Bible/worldview and science.** Subjects studied in context are more meaningful, application is better understood, and retention is higher. Understanding how God worked in the past improves our ability to evaluate the present and prepare for the future.
- **Parents:** are provided with a hyper-linked, illustrated **Academic Instruction Manual (AIM):** a detailed, weekly overview of each subject's lesson with related resources and activities for at-home learning, and ideas for demonstrating how to practically apply the academic information to character development and spiritual growth. Weekly email communication keeps parents in the loop with classroom presentations and what's ahead.
- **Students:** may participate in Strengths Day, annual field trip, dramatic presentation, and a capitalist venture. Classroom presentations speak to all learning styles and are dialogue rich to encourage thinking.
- **This program is great for:**
  - families with more than one busy, curious child!
  - parents who want many choices when developing personal lesson plans
  - providing creative ways to explore your community and discover opportunities
  - providing fun ways for dads with limited time to engage
  - helping students prepare for the next level of learning
- Foundations may be used as a Core Academic Program if parents follow the AIM lesson plans AND add Language Arts and Mathematics.
- Classroom teachers do NOT grade student work.





*Building Lifelong Learners*

<http://circlechristianschool.org/academics/lower-school/frameworks/>

Are you looking for a program that:

- offers easy-to-follow, teacher-prepared lesson plans?
- introduces students to an accountability system with a classroom teacher?
- develops and strengthens relationships within a self-contained classroom?
- provides formal writing instruction?

Take a look at Frameworks:

- **Grades:** 4th – 6th grade
- **Locations:** Mondays at CrossLife Church in Oviedo | Tuesdays at Calvary Orlando | Fridays at Calvary Orlando
- **Times:** 8:45am - 1:50pm
- **Subjects covered in the program:** Writing Instruction with lite grammar | Literature with vocabulary | Science | History
- **Add these subjects to your home studies:** Math | Bible | Grammar | Spelling **Classroom teachers:** Hold degrees in elementary education | Have experience in public, private, and homeschool classrooms | Develop and provide lessons for home and school | Assess student's work and progress |
- **Parents will:** Enjoy the benefit of a teacher Partner | Receive a *W.A.S.* (Weekly Assignment Sheet) that contains 3 days of assignments to be completed at home and returned to the classroom teacher | Receive weekly classroom updates via e-mail and the eLC (e-Learning Campus) | Have access to an on-line grade book |
- **Students will:** Benefit from small class sizes | Enjoy multiple subjects with one classroom teacher | Develop peer relationships | Strengthen presentation skills, study habits, and academic accountability | Use the eLC (e-Learning Campus) to enrich their home studies and assignments |
- **Your Week:** *Day 1* - Students attend class | *Days 2, 3 & 4* - Students complete *W.A.S.* assignments at home | *Day 5* – Parents extend, reinforce, and supplement as needed |
- **This program is great for:** Students exiting public or private schools | Students that plan to attend middle school classes at Circle | Parents that would like easy-to-follow, teacher-prepared lesson plans | Parents and students that would like to develop relationships with amazing classroom teachers and peers |
- **Additional:** In order to prevent disorganization and frustration, for both parents and students, we recommend that students are either at or above grade level.

Overview of full day programs:

- None of the full day programs cover Math.
- Different Language Arts elements need to be added according to the program you choose.
- If a full day program is not an option, CCS offers extracurricular classes and arts classes that are held from 2:00-3:15pm for K-6th grade students.

