

Jubilee Christian School

Enthusiastic children engaged in learning

"This is going to be the best year," Luke announces when he comes home from the first day of school—every year. Luke has been at Jubilee since Kindergarten and is now a 5th grade student.

Do you want your children to be enthusiastic and engaged in learning?

At Jubilee, your children will engage in fun and purposeful hands-on activities, field events, and projects. They will explore related topics within meaningful monthly themes or units.

Your children will learn to think creatively about all aspects of a topic, discovering what the topic is and what it means to them.

Through the monthly hands-on activities and field events, your children will see how each academic subject relates to other subjects and to real life. The skills and



Second graders eagerly ask Andrew about penguins, after his presentation for the Bird unit.

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information they learn will be more relevant and important to them, so they will be more interested in what they learn.

Toward the end of each unit, your children will create and present a final project. Everything they've learned or practiced throughout the unit culminates in their individual projects, which involve written reports and presentations using visual aids such as posters or models. Your children will present their projects to the class at the end of the unit.

These monthly projects begin in Kindergarten, so your children will develop confidence and strong public speaking skills as they progress through elementary school.

Your children will also receive individual attention within small classes, because teachers will adapt the curriculum or their teaching technique to address your children's individual learning styles and needs.

As active participants in this personal and experience-based curriculum, your children will be enthusiastic and engaged in learning.

Benefits of our academic curriculum

Children think creatively about all aspects of a topic

Children become more interested in what they study

Children connect what they learn to real life

Children retain more information

Children develop confidence and assurance in their abilities

Inspired by a simple moth

Maggie, a student in second grade, was inspired by a simple insect on the ground last summer. When she knelt down to look at the insect, a crowd of kids gathered around her and a woman said, "Look at that beautiful butterfly!"

Maggie replied, "It's not a butterfly, it's a moth."

"Oh," the woman said, "how do you know that?"

Maggie enthusiastically explained the three-point difference between moths and butterflies, which she had learned from the Insect unit in first grade and from a report a fellow student presented on butterflies.

Learning is fun for Maggie. She remembers and remains enthusiastic about what she learns even when she's out of school.

Like Maggie, learning will be fun and ongoing for your children. At Jubilee, your children will preserve their natural curiosity.

Discovering knowledge with Greeny

For the Trees unit at Jubilee, first graders discover knowledge by exploring a Japanese maple tree that lives near the school premises.

Last year, the class named the tree Greeny. The children practiced scientific observation as they explored what Greeny was like at various times in April.

The children drew pictures and wrote about Greeny in tree journals. Some of the first entries were, "The tree was brown" and "The tree had no leaves." Can you imagine how exciting and memorable it was for the children to witness Greeny's leaves coming out?

As you can guess, children had many opportunities to study Biology through this activity. But how do you think they practiced Math skills?

When the children learned about the different root sections of trees, they measured and recorded the length of Greeny's root sections.

Do you think these children will ever look at a tree in the

same way again? They not only developed an appreciation for trees, but also an eagerness and ability to apply the skills they practiced in new situations.

At Jubilee, your children will discover knowledge through meaningful hands-on activities like these.

Connecting with people and events in history

"My son has loved the field trips, especially to Philadelphia—seeing the Liberty Bell and Jefferson Tavern. I have been impressed by the quantity and quality of the field experiences," says Pat, mother of a 6th grade student.

Children have many opportunities to connect their academic studies to real life in fun ways through monthly field events and escorted, overnight trips.

Although field events may revolve around any combination of subjects, those focusing on History are particularly fun. History is a difficult subject to relate to real life, and field events enable children to connect with people and events in history.

For example, fifth graders connect with people and events of early America during an overnight trip to Philadelphia. Sixth graders connect with people and events of

the Civil War during an overnight trip to Gettysburg. These trips make learning History fun and real for children.

Sixth graders also connect with immigrants when they visit the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning.

"The kids learn that the Cathedral of Learning was built by the immigrants they are reading about in History and Literature. They learn what countries the immigrants came from, why the immigrants came, and why they came to Pittsburgh," says Anna Booher, Jubilee's sixth grade teacher.

At Jubilee, your children will connect what they learn to real life through fun and purposeful field events.



Andrew presents everything he knows about penguins to his second grade classmates.

Applying gifts to gain new knowledge and skills

Stroll through the hallways and rooms of Jubilee at the end of any given month, and you will see the incredible posters and models children create for their monthly projects.

These monthly projects are a great way for children to apply their gifts to gain new knowledge and skills.

For example, at the end of October, the second graders' bird posters decorate the hallway outside the classroom.

The project for the Bird unit requires each child to study a particular bird. For the written report, children answer the same set of questions, so they all learn the same kind of information about their individual birds.

The posters they create are all unique, because God endowed each child with different combinations of gifts and interests.

Some projects reflect organizational skills with printed facts arranged neatly on the poster. Others reflect artistic ability with drawings or three-dimensional components.

At the end of October, children present their reports to the class and become the class experts on their individual birds. They answer questions as their classmates fill out bird fact sheets for each bird the class studies.

At Jubilee, your children will apply their individual gifts to gain new knowledge and develop new skills.

Opportunities for success in small classes

"My daughter is very quiet in school. Small classes make sure Emma doesn't get forgotten," says Andrea, mother of 2nd and 3rd grade students.

Classes at Jubilee consist of no more than 16 children in 1st through 6th grades and no more than 12 children in Kindergarten.

Andrea says that "Emma is raising her hand more often and taking some initiative," something that would not happen in a larger class.

Small class sizes not only prevent quiet children from being forgotten, but they also enable teachers to manage the behavior of children who are a little more outgoing and outspoken than Emma. And, small classes allow teachers to know the children, so they can address the children's individual learning styles and needs.



Ellie (left) dresses as an upper class person and Rachel (right) dresses as a common person for their "Clothing of the Middle Ages" presentation.

"I know how the children learn, what they need to work on, what they are capable of, and where they need help," says Eileen Walsh, Jubilee's first grade teacher.

With small classes, teachers catch problems and have more time to work with children individually. They may assign extra or more challenging work or give one-on-one instruction as needed.

Anna Booher, Jubilee's sixth grade teacher, has taught in schools with larger class sizes. She says having only 16 children makes a big difference.

"I spend every minute of every day with a student,"

says Anna. "Children all learn differently. I can adapt to their individual learning styles, and I do all day."

Every time teachers adapt the curriculum, modify their teaching techniques, or work one-on-one to help a particular child, they give that child another opportunity to succeed.

At Jubilee, teachers will address your children's individual learning styles and needs, giving them many opportunities to succeed.

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Learning about God and His creation

First grade children go to Beechwood Farm Nature Preserve in April for a one-hour guided walk called "Home Sweet Home." Children look for animal homes, evidence of animal homes, and places where animals make homes.

"I have the children categorize what they saw at Beechwood Farm into the days of creation," says Eileen Walsh, Jubilee's first grade teacher. Her class already knows about creation through their daily Scripture study of Genesis at the beginning of the school year.

"Last year the children placed the clouds and the sky in day one of creation. They placed the bushes, golden rods, flowers, and trees in day three and the animals in either day five or six," Eileen says.

At Jubilee, your children will get to know God by studying Scripture and by applying what they learn to their academic lessons and to their lives.



Fifth graders cooking Colonial American cuisine.

What do Jubilee parents say?

"I am surprised at the amount of information my child retains from classroom lessons."

—Bill, father of a Kindergarten student

"My child is eager to talk about what he does at school."

—Parent of a Kindergarten student

"Enrolling my son at Jubilee has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. It will surely impact him for years to come."

—Marie, mother of a 5th grade student

"Both of my children love to learn and both love the Lord. You can't ask for much more than that."

—Cindy, mother of 3rd and 5th grade students



Shane handling a Cockatoo for the second grade Bird unit.

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