

**Core Block B (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Teacher:** Mary Kiel

**Class Size:** 10-16

**Tuition:** \$750.00/year

**Material fee:** \$75.00 year

**Day/Time:** T & TH 8:30-11:00

**In-Class Instruction:** 5 hrs/wk

**Homework = Heavy and mandatory**

The in-class experience will consist of both whole-class and small group direct instruction/reinforcement. Centers and other activities will also be utilized. Both the in-class experience and directed homework will consist of both level-specific material as well as multi-level "whole group" material. Students will be individually assessed in order to determine the best placement for leveled groups, activities and materials.

**Required Texts** **UPDATED AUGUST 2010**

**Please check back for additional updates.**

- **3-ring binder will be provided for an approximate cost of \$28.00**
  - includes spelling curriculum
  - Fix-It grammar curriculum
  - IEW Resource Notebook Pages
  - Syllabuses for the year
  - Around the World reading program
- Memory work, copy work, narration, grammar
  - Student workbook First Language Lessons Level 3 or Level 4 (J. Bauer)**
  - Teacher/Parent Guide First Language Lessons Level 3 or Level 4 (J. Bauer)**
  - Parents, please choose the appropriate level
- History *1 copy of the texts per family*
  - The Story of the World Volume 3 Early Modern (S. Wise-Bauer)**
  - The Story of the World Volume 3 Student pages (bound or E-book)**
  - Usborne Encyclopedia of World History**
  - (Internet linked preferred, but not required)
- Writing
  - Us History-Based Writing Lessons, Vol 1: Explorers to the Gold Rush (Student Book only)**
  - Purchase from: <http://www.excellenceinwriting.com/catalog/history>
- Cursive-penmanship
  - Parents, please chose your own curriculum for implementation at home
- Literature - *One per family*
  - Story Sequence Sources for Unit 3 Narrative Stories**
  - Purchase at <http://www.excellenceinwriting.com/ss-e> E-book should be fine.
- Spelling
  - Lists will be given weekly for you to utilize at home in your own curriculum.

### **Optional Texts**

- Teacher/Parent The Story of the World Activity Book 3- guide encompassing narration, review questions, and map work included with the student pages
- Teacher/Parent US History-Based Writing Lessons, Vol 1

- Novels will be chosen and it is suggested that these be checked out from the library if families wish to read along.
- Optional suggestions for additional reading will be provided to families throughout the year.

### Weekly Class Schedule

#### *Spelling:*

- weekly phonic and history based lists
- dedicated practice time in class

#### *Handwriting:*

- The proper letter formation of cursive letters and spacing of words will be emphasized.

*History:* There will be a variety of instruction methods to study the early modern era in light of the Bible and through a Christian perspective.

- centers
- geography
- weekly reading
- varying response devices such as projects, crafts and writing summaries

#### *Writing/Grammar:*

- guidance into summary, memoir, expository and poetry writing with the IEW method
- classroom publications

#### *Literacy/Literature:*

- First Language Lessons and IEW Source Texts will be drawn on for instruction and reinforcement of literacy/reading skills.
- The “**Around the World Reading**” project will encourage students to read various genres of literature as well as provide students a chance to choose literature of interest and challenge.

**Mary Kiel** (Math Treks, Core B, Core Resources, Elementary Science, Tutoring, & Piano Lessons)

Mary and her husband, Brian, reside in West Chicago with their four children, ranging in age from 10 to 17. Mary has a BA in History & Psychology from Trinity Christian University, with a teaching certificate in secondary education. Her background includes many years of working with students of all ages, from inmates at the Cook County Jail to high schoolers, all the way down to preschoolers. She currently works as a substitute at local West Chicago schools in addition to volunteering in these learning institutions. She also teaches piano and has an avid love for music. When you watch Mary in action, it is obvious that she is a gifted teacher, no matter what the subject! This is her 5<sup>th</sup> year on our teaching staff, and we are thankful for her!

