

## **Elementary School Curriculum**

Freedom Preparatory Academy uses the highly acclaimed and academically rigorous Core Knowledge Sequence, Saxon Math, Spalding Language Arts and Shurley English to ensure that our students meet and exceed the Utah State Core Curriculum. We hire certified teachers and provide extensive training in implementing these curricula. Students also study physical education, computers, art, and music. Students participate in our Leader in Me program that develops effective, happy children with strong leadership skills. We have a full-service library for the students to use on a daily basis. Freedom Preparatory Academy elementary students receive a strong foundation in all academic areas to build upon as they continue their educational journey and become responsible citizens.

## **Core Knowledge**

Core Knowledge is built upon the principle that in order to understand the world around you; you must have a background knowledge of history, science, art, and music. Core Knowledge provides a systematic sequence of grade-specific content, becoming more sophisticated and detailed in each successive grade. This sequential building of knowledge not only helps ensure that children enter each new grade with the knowledge necessary to be successful, but also helps prevent repetition and gaps. See more at <http://www.coreknowledge.org/>

## **Spalding Language Arts**

The Spalding Method is a total language arts program. Spalding teaches students individual sounds units (phonograms) and then how these sounds apply to reading and spelling. Children participate in reading, writing and discussing a wide range of high-quality classical and modern literature. See more at <http://www.spalding.org/>

## **Accelerated Reader**

Students also participate in the **AR** (accelerated reader) program. This program supports students' reading comprehension at their individual reading level to maximum students' growth in reading. See more at <https://www.renaissance.com/products/accelerated-reader>

## **Saxon Math**

Saxon Math is a hands-on, success-oriented program that emphasizes manipulatives and mental math. Concepts, called increments, are not introduced in chapters but are gently introduced over a considerable period of time. A new increment is presented each day and students work only a few problems involving the new material. Every assignment (and every test) is a cumulative review of all material covered up to that point. Saxon math is taught at an accelerated rate with our kindergarten students all taking Saxon Math 1. See more at <http://www.hmhco.com/shop/education-curriculum/math/saxon-math>

## **Big Ideas Math**

Due to the increased rigor of the Utah Core Standards, 6-8 grade students will be using "Big Ideas" Math. Big Ideas Math is a research-based math program based on direct instruction and discovery learning. The program has dynamic technology supports that helps every student succeed and be challenged. See more at <http://www.hmhco.com/shop/education-curriculum/math/secondary-mathematics/big-ideas-math>

**Shurley English**

The Shurley English curriculum gives students the skills necessary to write well. Emphasis on grammar and writing yields an understanding of correct sentence structure, paragraph expansion necessary for well-constructed essays, reports and letters. For more information visit <https://www.shurley.com/>

**Leader In Me**

Franklin Covey's Leader in Me program empowers students as they learn and practice 21<sup>st</sup> century leadership and life skills. Through leadership roles and goal tracking, students form habits that will help them be successful in school and prepare them to be responsible citizens and leaders in the future. See more at <http://www.theleaderinme.org/>