

# A Day at Ed Harbor...

## Bible Study

Our morning starts off with the Word of the Lord in a way that helps students build character. For example, students might sing a song about the "Fruit of the Spirit," discuss ways we can have more self-control, or recite scripture. We also say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and to the Bible.



## Word work, Cursive, and Writing

Students then study words using a hands-on program called "Words Their Way." At this time, students up through middle school are given words to sort and discuss. We use these to find spelling patterns, pronunciation of more complex words, and to explore how English uses accented syllables. Students through high school learn to read and write cursive, specifically historical documents. Some students have individualized spelling programs as well.

## Literature Study and Reading

For Literature Study we use mostly classical and award-winning literature in a variety of genres. In the past, we've read kids' versions of "The Odyssey," Shakespeare, Newberry Award Winning books, and favorite authors. We typically read some in class, discuss important points, examine vocabulary, and talk about our favorite parts. Reading skills we practice revolve around outlining and paraphrasing, finding the main idea and supporting details, and other related reading skills based on the Florida Sunshine State Standards. We typically use our history or science books for this practice, as well as articles that meet the students' interests and reading levels.

## Science and History

Experimenting and hands-on activities are so much fun! We try to do an activity like this at least once per week. This might include creating a Chinese lantern in history, measuring and creating ooblek in science, or doing historical science by making a rudimentary battery out of lemon juice and pennies! Inspired by the classical movement and Susan Wise Bauer. Our science and history is taught from a Christian worldview, although we do teach the secular worldview so that students can intelligently engage in debate with non-creationists.



## Math

Our students are taught to master basic skills and work at their own pace. Some students may work ahead, while others need more support and tutoring to master their skills. We encourage memorization of certain components throughout elementary, while critical thinking and word-problem solving becomes more important through middle and high school.