Curriculum & Instruction

4 Critical Questions guide purposeful planning:

1. What do we want our students to know? (Standards)
2. How do we know they learned it? (Assessment)
3. What do we do if they have not learned it? (Intervention)
4. What do we do if they already know it? (Extension)

English Language Arts

- Our selection committee chose Wonders 2023 based on alignment with the state of Alabama standards and a rigorous instructional approach supported by science of reading research.

Writing and Grammar

- Our teachers in grades 2-3 use the Zaner-Bloser handwriting curriculum to introduce cursive writing.
- Our teachers in grades 2-5 utilize the Bridge to Writing curriculum from Heggerty for a research-based writing and grammar foundation, building a strong foundation in sentence, grammar, and composition skills.

Phonics & Phonemic Awareness (2nd-3rd)

- UFLI Foundations, developed by the University of Florida Literacy Institute, is an explicit and systematic phonics program designed to teach foundational reading skills.
- Heggerty serves as our research-based phonemic awareness curriculum.



Savvas enVision Math

- Envision provides age-appropriate scaffolding for Elementary learners with appropriate levels of rigor.
- Teachers are provided with an array of resources while providing research-based instruction aligned with state standards, which equips our learners.

Science & Social Studies

- BJU Press serves as our science and social studies curriculum at the Elementary level from Little MA Primary through High School.
- BJU Press provides opportunities for Biblical Worldview formation as teachers are equipped with Biblical connections and perspectives for students to learn.
- Students in 4th grade will not use BJU Press but study Alabama History with Clairmont Press.

Bible Curriculum

- Deep Roots provides an engaging digital platform offering an exciting Bible journey.
- This curriculum emphasizes character traits and apologetics.

Standardized Testing: Iowa Form E

- This is a formalized testing opportunity in grades 3-6 with no state-mandated pressure. This is a "cold test," meaning that we are not teaching to the test prior to the Spring administration in April.

Diagnostic Benchmark Assessments

- **mClass Dibels** is used in grades 2-3.
- Oral reading fluency, accuracy, and comprehension are measured.
- **Renaissance STAR** reading and math diagnostics are taken at least 3 times per year.
- Each student has a personalized learning path with Renaissance Freckle to help meet them where they are with each skill.

Teaching from an "I do, we do, you do" approach

