



Main Street Ministry

Chapel (1x week)	Each Wednesday, local pastors and community leaders share a Biblical message with our student body. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for our Wednesday chapels to share in worshipping God, learning about His Word and how to demonstrate biblical truth daily throughout life.
Biblical Teaching (Daily)	In-class biblical teaching is placed on a variety of biblical characters which also teaches about having a courageous, generous and humble heart.. MSS uses the BJU Press Bible curriculum.
Joy Time (Daily)	Each day at MSS begins with Joy Time with Ms. Jackie, where our student body comes together for praise, worship, and prayer, to start our school day off on a positive note. Throughout the year, each grade level showcases their musical gifts and talents. Students also receive updates about ongoing community service projects; prayer requests; school updates; and birthday celebrations!

Liberal Arts

Art (Teacher determined)	Instruction is provided on primary and secondary colors, color values, highlights, shadows, 3D shapes, paper mache, line, and form.
Music (2x week)	Students explore the joys of music and song through dance, reading, and writing rhythms and musical notation. Musical concepts taught include beat, rhythm, pitch, timbre, and introductory dynamics. Performance practice and instruction includes a repertoire of interactive songs that require singing as a choir in a round with multiple parts! We also explore bucket drums, boomwhackers, recorders, and ukuleles! Students also learn about the orchestral families and basic historical time periods of music.
Physical Education/Health (2x week)	Traditional schoolyard games, such as basketball, flag football, kickball, and dodgeball, are common games for 2nd grade. These games focus on teamwork and sportsmanship, gross motor skills, leadership, conflict resolution, losing with grace, and praising one another in a bully-free zone. Health teaches basics about amazing bodies and guide children in making wise choices of food and activities for the glory of God.
Spanish (2x week)	Hola! In Spanish, students learn the second most spoken language in USA. They are immersed in the Spanish language, culture and tradition through games, songs, movies, poetry and many other activities reflecting Hispanic heritage and its connection to their own country.
Recess (Daily)	Students receive a minimum of thirty minutes of recess time each day. This includes use of the playground and access to PE equipment on nice days; or indoor play in the fellowship hall or classrooms, on cooler or rainy days.

Traditional Academics - Core Curriculum

Language Arts & Writing (Daily)	Language Arts focuses on identifying sentence structure ,the types of speech, and the rules of spelling. Students also practice writing well-crafted, descriptive text, forming complete sentences, and comprehending and analyzing stories. Cursive handwriting is begun at this level. Abeka curriculum is utilized.
Reading & Literature (Daily)	Improving comprehension, increasing fluency rates, realistic fiction, character settings, main ideas, and alphabetical order are a few of the key instructional units taught through Reading and Literature. Each student receives a customized reading plan, and each class creates and publishes a hardback book. Read-aloud books, such as <i>Charlotte's Web</i> , help students attain higher comprehension and fluency rates. Students practice memorization, public speaking, and eloquence, as they learn a monthly bible verse to recite at the Spring Showcase. Our second grade curriculum includes Reading Street, as well as, <i>The Prairie School</i> and <i>The Courage of Sarah Noble</i> by Memoria Press Literature.
Math (Daily)	Second grade math lessons encompass: addition and subtraction; speed drills and mental math; geometry; and an introduction to multiplication and division. Other skills and concepts for 2nd grade include: place value, time, money, temperature, measurements, fractions, graphs, regrouping, temperature, carrying 1,000's, using the Abeka math curriculum.
Science (Daily)	Scientific topics include: Creation, planets, plants, animals, habitats, body, teeth, life cycles, leaves, energy and motion, weather, oceans, and the five senses of the body. The BJU Press is enhanced with hands-on experiments.
Social Studies (Daily)	A combination of History, Geography, and Civics, our Social Studies Discipline focuses on: US holidays and celebrations; colonies, states, and continents; rivers and mountain ranges; historical events; Virginia studies; local history and geography; early America and Native Americans; and historical people and places. Students may also participate in the State-2-State Postcard Project, which includes learning about the US Postal Service and learning their mailing address.

Additional Details

Lunch & Snack Time	Daily; students are asked to bring their own lunch, snack, and drink. Students may purchase ice cream each day.
Local Missions	MSS students have the opportunity to volunteer their time, resources, and/or creativity, through community connections. In prior years, students have collected pet supplies for the Tazewell County Animal Shelter; visited nursing homes and senior groups to lead praise and worship; and assisted with food and clothing drives for the local food pantry.
Global Missions	MSS participates in multiple, on-going international mission projects.
Field Trips	Educational field trips occur throughout the school year, and align with the MSS curriculum. Learning does not always have to happen in a classroom setting, and we strive to create hands-on experiences that will last a lifetime. Some trips have been: --Social Studies: Historic Crab Orchard Museum; Tazewell County Courthouse --Math/Science: Clinch River Farms; Visiting a local bank; Etter's Pumpkin Patch; Snapp's Dairy Farm; Southern States --Physical Education: Picnic & Play Day at the Park; Diamond S. Ranch Horseback Riding --End of Year Field Trip Educational Virtual Field Trips throughout the year.
Special Events	Celebrations make learning fun! A few of the school-wide events MSS students observe include: Grandparent's Day, Veterans Day, and the 100th Day of School. Students also enjoy special events, such as: a Multicultural Fair, going Christmas caroling, and participating in end of semester, school-wide performances.
Standardized Testing	The Iowa Assessments are evidence-based standardized testing, which measure student achievement and growth against the next generation. They monitor growth of academic progress, indicate college and career readiness, and evaluate students' mastery of rigorous learning standards. Subjects tested include: language arts, reading, math, science, and social studies. The Iowa Assessment does not measure a student's IQ or cognitive ability, rather what a student has learned throughout the school year, to ensure they are on par with State and National standards.
Baseline Reading Assessment	Baseline Reading Assessment is given at the beginning and end of the school year.
Communication	Parents may expect continual, open communication with MSS teachers and administration. The Bloomz App is used to share important updates directly to parents, through text messaging, and newsletters are sent home regularly. We also use Google Classroom for some assignments.