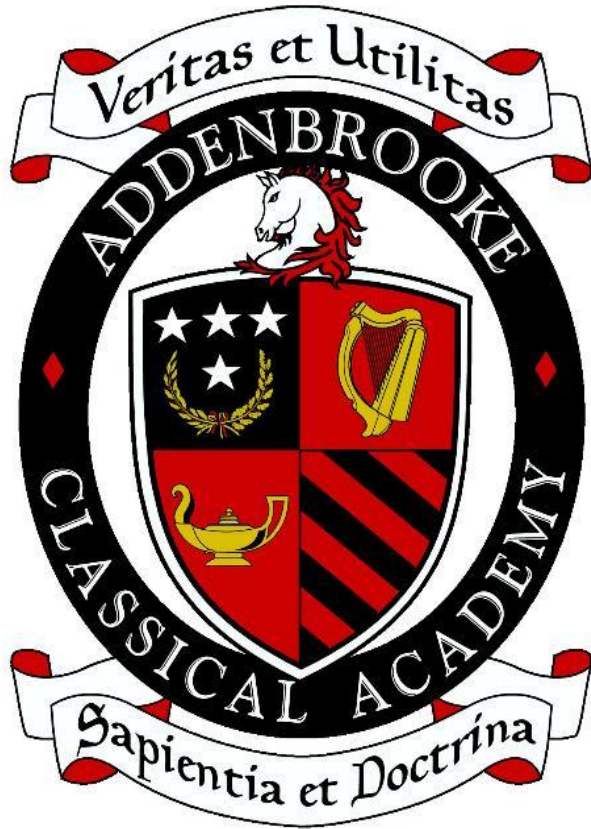




Parent
Information
Meeting and Tour

**Addenbrooke Classical
Academy, PreK-8th Grade**

Addenbrooke Classical Academy's Mission Statement



ACA utilizes an integrated model of tradition and innovation to develop free and independent thinkers through classical instructional strategies.

Elements of Addenbrooke Classical Academy

- ★ Jefferson County School District charter school
- ★ Started in 2013 (Secondary) 2014 (Elementary)
- ★ Governed by a Board of Directors
- ★ PreKindergarten -12th Grade
- ★ Approximately 850 students (650 - PreK-8th Grade)
- ★ Small Class Size 25:1



Environment at Addenbrooke Classical Academy



- Smaller, nurturing and supportive atmosphere
- Developmentally appropriate leadership opportunities
- Support to ensure that students achieve their full potential
- Development of independent learners prepared to advocate and challenge themselves

Learning Environment

- ★ Building culture and community
- ★ Charlotte Mason principles embedded into our instruction
- ★ Hands-on activities and down time to instill a life-long passion in learning
- ★ Instructional Delivery: Cooperative learning principles; (HS) Socratic Seminars ; Active participation
- ★ 6th through 12th grade – studies show that students have a higher graduation rate than those who only attend a 9th through 12th grade school



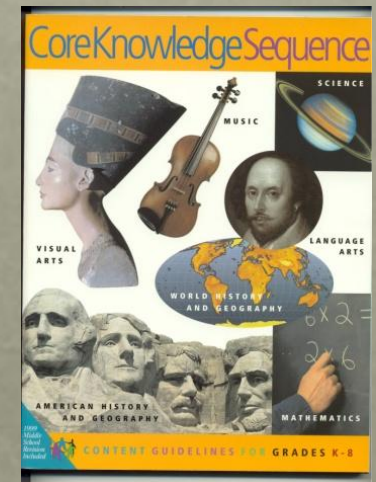
Trivium

- ★ **Grammar Stage / PreK - 5th**: Forms knowledge so students can then formulate meaningful questions
- ★ **Logic Stage/6th - 8th**: Builds on existing knowledge and skills, use reasoning to learn more and to more deeply understand previous learning.
- ★ **.Rhetoric/High School** (Assemble knowledge and reason to persuade others and express yourself).

Academic Program-Curriculum

Pre-K - 8th Core Knowledge Curriculum

- Sequenced, specific content
- Eliminates gaps and repetitions in student learning
- Knowledge builds on knowledge – spiraled
- Provides an important foundation for future learning
 - Language Arts
 - History and Geography
 - Visual Arts
 - Music
 - Science



Preschool

- **Encourages curiosity, exploration and learning through hands on experiences and repetition to achieve mastery of skills.**
- **Lays the foundations of learning**
 - *following rules and routines*
 - *developing social skills*
 - *becoming independent, motivated learners*
- **Meets the child where they are at and gently nudges them to the next level.**

Preschool Schedule

Full Day

- Opening Group (30 mins)
- Centers (1 hour)
- Snack (twice a day ,15 mins)
- Story Time (twice a day, 10 mins)
- Small Group/Tub time (3 times a day, 20 mins)
- Nap/Rest (30-90 mins)
- Outside Time (twice a day, 40 mins)
- Lunch (30 mins)

Part Day

- Opening Group (30 mins)
- Centers (50 mins)
- Small Group/Tub Time (twice a day, 10 mins)
- Story Time (10 mins)
- Snack (10 mins)
- Outside Time (40 mins)



Academic Program-Curriculum

Math Program

Saxon Math (K-8)

- Concepts presented in increments vs. chapters
- Developmental mastery of all six strands of math



Big Ideas Math (K-5)

- Critical thinking and application

Pearson Classical Edition (9-12)

- Critical thinking and application
- Traditional thinking about math (Algebra I, Geometry etc.)

Real world application and Connected Learning

Academic Program-Curriculum

Literacy Program

CKLA (K-5) to develop skills:listening and learning strand and skills comprehension strand

Literature and Book Studies (4-8)

Reading, Writing and Discussion about literature and skill development.

Academic Program-Curriculum

Literacy Program (continued)

- **Handwriting** (manuscript and cursive)
- **Writer's Workshop** (process)
- **6 + 1 Trait Writing**
 - Organization
 - Content
 - Conventions
 - Voice
 - Word choice
 - Sentence fluency
 - Presentations
- **Step-Up to Writing**



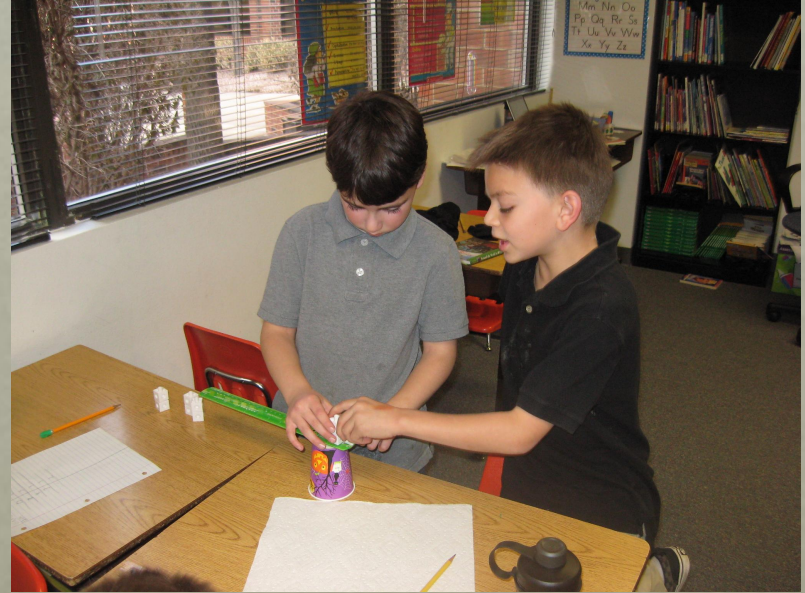
Academic Program-Curriculum

Specials

- Music Class (daily)
- Physical Education (daily)
- Art (twice weekly)
- Instrumental – Strings
(grades 4 and up)

Technology

- Embedded into instruction
- Minimal until grade 3, based on Charlotte Mason practices
- Laptops and iPads for student use



Academic Program-Curriculum

Nature Study

- Teaches skills of observation and detail
- Scope and sequence for each year which will cover both large and small scale drawing in Nature books

Handwork

- Practical skill development
- Tied into curriculum
- Focused on craft and skills
- Fine motor practice



Middle School Exploratories

Required

- Music
 - Vocal
 - Strings (Orchestra)
- Physical Education
- Latin Instruction (5th-8th)
- Art

Developing well-rounded students and
connection to many disciplines

Appreciation of Arts



Academic Program-Methodology

Movement in the Classroom

Research shows that movement results in significant gains in cognitive processing, attention, motivation and memory

Core Virtues

Woven into the curriculum
Explicitly taught about character
Weekly assembly focused on
community and character
development



Academic Program

Homework policy

- Independent practice
- Approximately ten minutes per grade level
- Projects and extended learning opportunities
- Time management skills developed



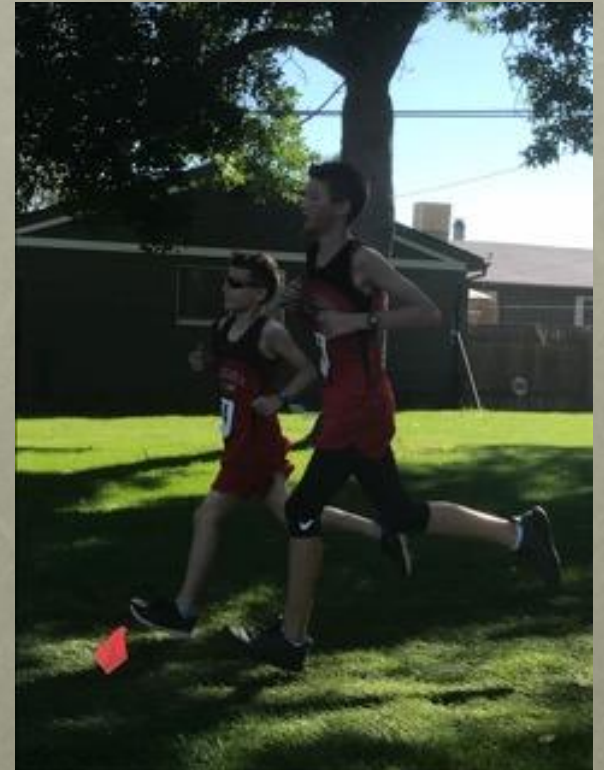
Extending the Classroom

Clubs

- Interest Based and parent/teacher supported
- Student Government for both secondary and grammar
- Musicals

Middle School Sports

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Soccer



Discipline Philosophy

Not intended to simply punish a student for wrongdoing, but to instruct, train, and educate that student so that he or she will make a better choice at the next opportunity.

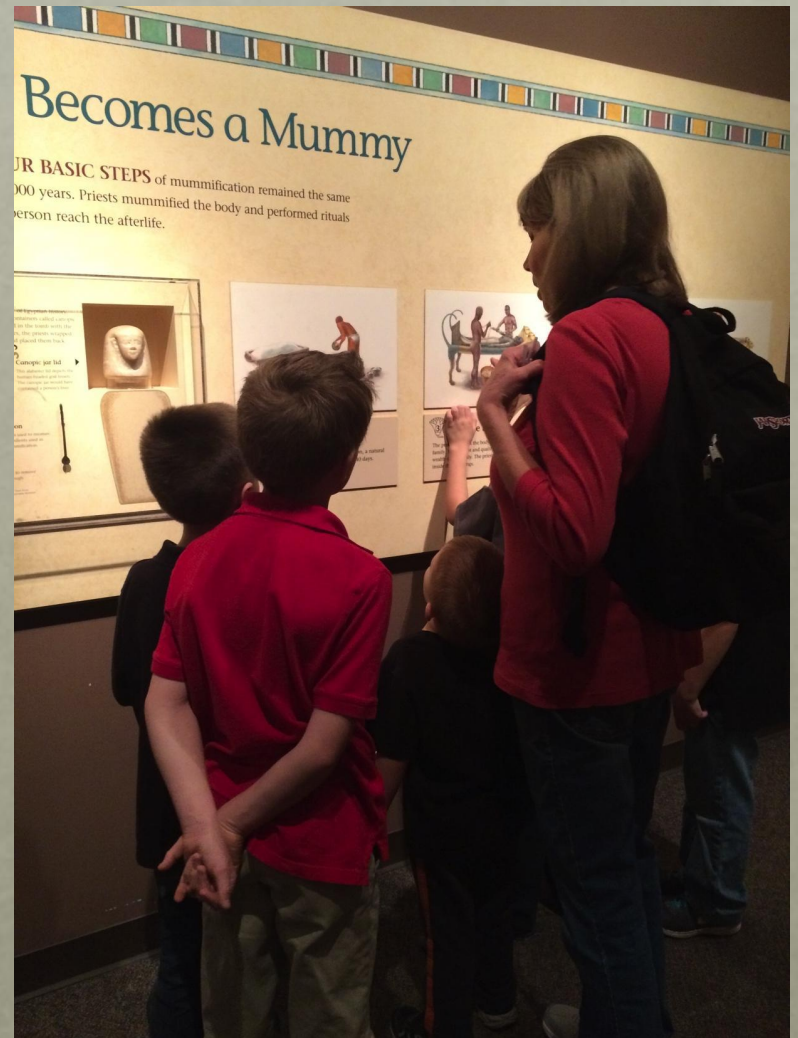
Four School Rules

1. Keep all communications honoring to one another and oneself.
2. Keep your hands and feet to yourselves.
3. Respect and obey all supervising adults.
4. Be a good caretaker of all things.

Encouraged Parent Involvement

Many opportunities to volunteer at school

- Teachers and staff must have volunteer opportunities provided for parents
- Parent involvement is essential to building connections between home and school.



Other ACA Elements:

- ★ Dress Code
- ★ After-school care for prekindergarten - fifth grade
- ★ After School activities or clubs (a few)
- ★ Hot lunches available through Wholesome Foods
- ★ Carpools arranged
- ★ Celebrations/Special Days

Questions?

