



## **ONE DAY OR TWO DAYS?**

### **(Should I Send My Child to 3:17 for One Day or Two Days?)**

One of our philosophies as a school is maintain flexible options for parents. In light of this, we offer the option of sending your child for one day or for two days each week.

We recognize that some homeschooling parents are looking for a place to send their child where they can get a little classroom exposure, take some extracurricular classes like music and art, or experience hands-on learning with peers. Typically, these parents have curriculums in mind that they love, they enjoy flexibility and doing their own thing. If this resonates with you, we encourage you to consider sending your child one day per week, on either Tuesday or Thursday. This will give your child one day a week in the classroom with peers, engaging in hands-on activities and classroom learning, while also allowing you the other four days each week to pursue the learning experiences you have in mind for your child. While students are expected to have the curriculum being used in class and come to class prepared to participate fully, parents can still very easily choose to use different curriculums at home if desired. You won't be locked into our curriculum choices if you have others in mind that you would rather use the other four days of the week. This option also frees you up to easily attend other co-ops, if desired.

Other homeschooling parents are looking for assistance and/or structure. They appreciate guidance in determining which curriculums to use and as they teach through the school year. They may be looking for assistance in teaching particular subjects like composition or science, especially when it comes to older students. These parents may also want or need a break from teaching five days a week—perhaps both parents work, or there are other children at home that Mom is caring for or homeschooling. These parents might appreciate someone else planning the school year out for them, rather than doing their own thing. Maybe they find external structure particularly helpful for success as homeschooling parents. If any of this resonates with you, we encourage you to consider sending your child for both school days each week. By sending your child for two days each week, your teaching load will decrease. Most course content will be taught by our teachers, leaving you to simply oversee homework to be done on the other three school days each week. Assignments are given out weekly by our teachers, so you never have to decide what to teach or when—our teachers are structuring the school year and each school week for you, ensuring the curriculums are completed. If your child is coming

two days each week, please note that it will be more challenging for you to complete additional curriculums on your off-days at home, and it will be harder for you to participate in other co-ops that use different curriculums and also assign homework.

That said, as a school we recognize that ultimately YOU are your child’s teacher. You are responsible to the state for their education, not us. All homework assigned by teachers is recommended. The assigned homework is always intentional and specific, designed to help your child have the best learning experience we can offer them, making the best use of in-class days and all the curriculums have to offer. But homework is never mandatory. You as the parent—the “head teacher”—can always decide to not complete assigned homework. We recognize that you are teaching your child the rest of the week and may have other learning experiences in mind for them. You always have the final say.

**\* One note: Whether your child is attending one day or two days, if you child attends Tuesdays, we have found it to be most beneficial to students to embrace the composition curriculum and complete the homework. If your child attends Thursdays, we have found it to be most beneficial to students to embrace our novel choices and complete the literature/book club homework.**

We plan to have one grade per class, as enrollment allows.

K4 & K5 Kindergarten

| TUESDAY  | THURSDAY   |
|--|--|
| <p>Hands-on lessons that reinforce math, phonics, science, history, handwriting.<br/>                     Music /Art<br/>                     Chapel/ Class Devotions<br/>                     Lunch and Recess</p> <p>*See our comments about reading &amp; math instruction below!</p> | <p>Hands-on lessons that reinforce math, phonics, science, history, handwriting.<br/>                     PE<br/>                     Chapel/ Class Devotions<br/>                     Lunch and Recess</p> <p>Extracurricular classes: may include crafts, foreign language, show and tell.</p> |

\*Every child learns to read and to do math at a different pace and in different ways. Certain methods of phonics and math instruction can be helpful to one child but unhelpful to another. We recommend you look at a few different styles of curriculums and choose one that resonates with you and your child and implement that study at home.

Some reading curriculums we recommend are:

- All About Reading
- The Ordinary Parents Guide to Teaching Reading
- Sing, Spell, Read and Write
- Primary Arts of Language- Reading and Writing Package
- Abeka
- Sonshine
- Bob Books are a helpful resource to assist in learning to read.

Some math curriculums we recommend are:

- Saxon
- Singapore Math
- Math U See

**\* Please note these schedule changes for the 2025-26 school year:**

- Previously, Chapel was scheduled for Tuesdays and Class Devotions on Thursdays. However, this coming year, we plan to switch these classes back and forth monthly. This will allow students on Tuesday and Thursday to experience Chapel and Class Devotions on an alternating basis.
- Due to the growth of our school, our PE teacher can no longer teach all the student body on one day. Our current plan is to offer an additional elective on Thursdays. Half the students will have PE class for the fall semester and the elective for the spring semester and vice versa.
- After-school offerings: Drama will move to Tuesday afternoons 3:00-4:30. We are considering what will be offered after school on Thursdays.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class

| TUESDAY  | THURSDAY   |
|--|--|
| History<br>Handwriting<br>Science<br>Music/Art<br>Chapel/ Class Devotions<br>Lunch and Recess<br>Afternoon Electives | History<br>Book Club (books related to history and science)<br>Science<br>Chapel/ Class Devotions<br>PE/ Elective (possibly foreign language)<br>Lunch and Recess<br>Afternoon Electives |

2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes

| TUESDAY  | THURSDAY   |
|--|--|
| History<br>Composition<br>Science<br>Chapel/ Class Devotions<br>Music/Art<br>Lunch and Recess<br>Afternoon Electives | History<br>Book Club (books related to history and science)<br>Science<br>Chapel/ Class Devotions<br>PE/ Elective (possibly foreign language)<br>Lunch and Recess<br>Afternoon Electives |

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes

| TUESDAY   | THURSDAY   |
|---|--|
| History<br>Composition<br>Science<br>Chapel/ Class Devotions<br>Music/Art<br>Lunch and Recess<br>Afternoon Electives<br><br><i>*Teachers will give recommended grades for classes</i> | History<br>Literature<br>Science<br>Chapel/ Class Devotions<br>PE/ Elective (possibly foreign language)<br>Lunch and Recess<br>Afternoon Elective<br><br><i>*Teachers will give recommended grades for classes</i> |