

Workshops
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- 1. Phonics: Navigating for Accurate Readers (Part 1- How to Teach Phonics - 31 min).** In order for students to take on the adventure of learning, they first need to know how to navigate the steps of learning to read. Together we are going to look at the six effective steps that Abeka uses to teach phonics. You will benefit from knowing these six simple steps and will be able to guide students of any age in learning to read.
- 2. Phonics: Navigating for Accurate Readers (Part 2- How to Teach the Phonics Class - 40 min).** Let's continue on our elementary adventure as we look at the phonics class. We are going to take a look at the parts of a phonics class and how to use the lesson plans to your advantage. Join in with the practice and fun as we observe teachers demonstrate the parts of a class and learn helpful tips that you can implement right away in your own classroom.
- 3. Reading: Diving into Proficient Reading (51 min).** Our adventure with our students can go to new places as you dive into the reading class. Let's break down how to prepare for reading time as we look at reading circles and an upper-elementary reading class. Then learn the four parts of a reading class and how to get your students engaged. We will end the session looking at some helpful ways to evaluate your students' reading.
- 4. Language: Cruising for Compelling Communication (36 min).** As we cruise into our next stop on our adventure, we are going to look at language time. First, we will take a look at how language builds upon itself at each grade level. As you teach language concepts to your students, we want to demonstrate a four-step process that will help you.
- 5. Spelling: Sailing through Careful Spelling (23 min).** Our adventure sails on as we look at the spelling class. Each part of the spelling class will prepare the students as you help them to expand their everyday vocabulary. Oral spelling practice is a key element in spelling class, so we are going to look at ways to make this practice time efficient and enjoyable.
- 6. Bible: Resting in God's Truths (37 min).** Even on adventures, we need to take time to rest or get rejuvenated. Bible class is the best way to start the school day. The six elements of the Bible class are where you are able to lay the Biblical-worldview foundation for the remainder of the school day.
- 7. The Curriculum: Guidance to a Decisive School Year (21 min).** On a trip, you normally have something that will guide you to where you are going, like a map or a GPS. The curriculum lesson plan guide is the tool that is available to guide you through the school year. Together we are going to look at the different parts of the curriculum guide and how they can best benefit you.
- 8. The Key to Teaching Elementary History and Science (15 min).** There are so many parts to an elementary history or science class. I want to give you one key component to remember to help jump start how you should approach the lesson.

- 9. Arithmetic: Hiking for Active Math Skills (44 min).** Elementary Arithmetic lays the foundation for math facts helping to build higher level thinking math. Together we are going to look at the five parts of the arithmetic class and how to make it smooth and active.
- 10. Evaluating Penmanship (12min).** Designed for elementary teachers to help them consider how to grade and evaluate the students papers each week. Several helps are given for conducting the regular writing class each day and then how to grade papers each week. Samples of A, B, C, D papers are shown to give ideas.
- 11. Academic Supervision of a Christian School (11 min).** Video is designed for principals and administrators to help them with seven academic ideas to help in their schools.
- 12. Parent-Teacher Relations (26 min).** Discussion of how to “communicate” with parents. This is well-illustrated with lots of helpful thoughts to help teachers communicate with parents.
- 13. Review? I Don’t Have Time to Review! (21 min).** A quick discussion of why review is important and then many ideas for elementary teachers to use in their classrooms to motivate students.