

MEET THE TEAM



Mrs. Judy Sharp and Mrs. Valerie Hovenden make up our LCII teaching team. Mrs. Sharp holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from Fairmont State University, and Mrs. Hovenden holds a B.A. with K-12 certification from Western Kentucky University.

What is a Learning Community?

At Sumner Academy, Lower School grades are divided into Learning Communities.

Learning communities consist of students from two grade levels who rotate between teachers.

These teachers are able to specialize in specific subject matter, giving students the benefit of an expert teacher.

Students are invigorated as they get up and move between classes, and learn from the knowledge and expertise of multiple teachers.

FIELD STUDIES

Sumner Academy LCII Students are engaged in learning outside of the classroom on several Field Studies throughout the year. Examples of such experiences include:

Adventure Science Center
Belle Meade Mansion
The Nashville Children's Theater
The Tennessee Performing Arts Center

Wynnewood Historical Home
Schermerhorn Symphony Center
The Parthenon
Historic "Travellers Rest"

ENRICHMENT

LCII students attend **Related Arts** each day on a rotating schedule. They attend **each** of the following classes once per week:

- ✓ Art
- ✓ Library
- ✓ Spanish
- ✓ Computer
- ✓ Music

Additionally, students attend **Physical Education** every day.

DISCOVERY: *It's essential!*



At Sumner Academy, we believe that exploring the world around us is imperative. Students learn about ancient civilizations, American History, conduct experiments, and learn by actively taking part in Social Studies and Science Classes.



Learning Community II Grades 1 and 2



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SMART Board lesson in Math.

MATHEMATICS

Saxon Math: Grades 1-3

Saxon's K-3 program is designed to teach basic arithmetic concepts as well as geometry, patterns, time, and problem solving.

Saxon Math's unique approach breaks complex concepts into smaller increments. This ensures that students gain and retain critical thinking concepts and use them in real-world situations. The use of manipulatives accelerates understanding of abstract math concepts and daily homework.

READING / LANGUAGE

Macmillan/McGraw Hill: Treasures

This comprehensive, research-based reading program offers a wealth of high-quality literature to engage learners. Explicit instruction and ample practice ensure students' growth in reading proficiency. Each week's lesson integrates grammar, vocabulary, and writing for a total Language Arts approach.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The Pearson Learning Core Knowledge curriculum series provides a comprehensive, content-rich, systematic syllabus of subjects and topics in World History and Geography.

SCIENCE

Science II: Harcourt Publishers

FOSS: Full Operation Science System developed by Lawrence Hall of Science at University of California Berkley.

First- and Second-Grade students learn important scientific concepts and develop the ability to think critically. They actively construct their own ideas through inquiries, investigations, and analyses.



PHONICS / SPELLING

Saxon Phonics is a program that is used in conjunction with our literature-based reading series. New learning is presented in increments, and each increment is reviewed every day for the entire school year.

Homework consists of decoding and reading a short story for comprehension. Saxon Spelling is used for both First and Second Grade. Phonics and spelling tests are given after every five lessons.

CELEBRATIONS

Students take part in many programs, celebrations, and special events during the school year. Parents are invited to participate in many of them.

- Halloween Parade and Bonfire
- Christmas Music Program
- Grandparents Day
- Talent Show
- Valentine's Day Party
- End-of-Year Swim Party
- Field Day
- Mother's Day Tea and Program
- Live Animal Wildlife
- Gallatin Fire Dept. Safety Assembly
- Social Studies Day
- Science Fair Day
- Pep Rallies
- Student Council Speeches
- Guest Speakers

“*Small class size, nurturing environment, Teachers are incredibly passionate and know each child very well... It's a beautiful, well-kept campus that you'd like to spend 7 hours a day of your childhood Mon-Fri... Safe place where imagination and learning are encouraged. Community has a village feel, everyone cares.*”

-Current Parent

small
student : teacher
ratio

