

First Grade Curriculum

In first grade, students become independent learners and work together as a team to develop leadership skills of cooperation, listening to each other, and making good choices. Students enjoy doing many hands-on and creative activities related to different curriculum areas and children's books. First grade is an exciting year when students are learning phonics skills and memory words to open up the whole new world of reading. They develop the love of reading books, writing, and math. Through memory verses, chapel, classroom devotions, and religion lessons students grow in their faith and gladly share it with family and friends.

Religion "One in Christ"

In first grade students learn about Bible stories with application to daily life. They have memorization of Bible verses that apply to the topic of discussion for that week.

- ❖ *Reading and Language Arts Superkids Reading* by Zaner-Bloser is a phonics-based program to provide students with a solid foundation for reading success. This program encompasses such skills as reading comprehension, phonics, writing, handwriting, language arts/grammar skills, and dictation.

- ❖ *Handwriting (Traditional Manuscript)* Students work on handwriting skills in all subject areas. Much is incorporated in the *Superkids* program.

Language Arts - Shirley English This text is used in addition to *Superkids* to help the students learn the parts of speech through the use of catchy jingles.

Back to School Parent Orientation

Daily Organizational Binder for Teacher-Parent Communication and Resources

Weekly Classroom Newsletter

Mathematics "Saxon Math"

The students work with manipulatives to learn about problem solving, telling time, money, mental math, calendar, geometry, fractions, measurement, shapes, addition, and subtraction facts (0-10). *Saxon Math* concentrates on students learning their math facts through games, worksheets, flash cards, and timed tests.

Science-Houghton Mifflin Harcourt "Science Fusion"

First graders use a write-in "worktext" for all lessons. Hands-on experiences virtual labs, digital lessons, and STEM activities are interwoven. How scientists work, technology around us, animals, plants, environments, resources, weather, the sky, matter, and forces and energy are the unit topics.

Social Studies Harcourt

The first grade topics include school rules and laws, landforms, where people live, map skills, weather, American symbols, holidays, heroes, transportation, past and present way of living, different cultures, jobs, goods and services.

Computer Technology

First grade students go to the computer lab to learn introduction to key boarding, using a mouse, working on the internet, and introduction to word processing.

Art

The students learn about different artists through painting, sculpting, and drawings. Their creative skills are encouraged.

Music

Music class activities include singing, performing, reading music and rhythm. They study composers and music history. They learn about instruments, and using music technology. The students also perform in a Christmas and spring program.

Physical Education

P. E. is a twice a week class. The program is designed for individual skill development in movement and gross motor coordination. This age level is at the front end of learning teamwork. Presidential Fitness will be utilized for evaluation.

Foreign Language

In Spanish they learn their numbers, colors, foods, clothing, family, animals, community and Spanish alphabet through stories, songs, and culture.

April, 2016 Stanford Achievement Test Results

Area	Grade Equivalent
Reading	2.1
Math	1.7
Language	2.3
Environment	2.1
Spelling	2.0
Listening	2.6
Complete Battery	2.1