

First Grade Curriculum

Religion—The “Spirit of Truth” by Sophia Institute curriculum is used to nurture each student’s relationship with Jesus, and to facilitate each child’s faith response.

The First Grade Classes also present an Easter play each year.

Reading/Language Arts—Using Scott Foresman Reading Street as a base, a variety of texts is used to teach children to become more independent readers. To reach this goal, students work to build phonemic awareness and reading comprehension strategies. Students work throughout the year to build their sight word vocabulary to become more fluent readers. Through the use of STAR Reading, teachers are able to have an ongoing/in depth look at student data. Using the STAR data and Accelerated Reading, students are able to advance at their own pace.

Phonics/Spelling—Students learn initial, medial, and final consonants. Students work on identifying and spelling words with short and long vowel sounds, digraphs, and r-controlled vowels.

Math—McGraw Hill, My Math, is used in First Grade. Students gain an understanding of basic math concepts, computation skills, and problem solving strategies. Students are given opportunities to explore math concepts and problem solving skills through whole class activities, cooperative groups, and individual work. Students practice and master addition and subtraction facts through fluency activities.

Zearn is implemented in first grade to allow students to review math skills they have learned. This also gives students the opportunity to experience differentiated lessons based on their knowledge.

Handwriting—Handwriting Without Tears continues into First Grade. Skills are reinforced and implemented through direct instruction and across the curriculum.

Social Living—Science and Social Studies are integrated into the Reading program. Learning activities focus on discovery and exploration. Scholastic News is used to make real world connections to the skills taught.

