

First Grade Curriculum Snapshot

The First grade curriculum is Christ-centered, with an emphasis on God's blessings to us. We work and play together as a community where we experience love and forgiveness as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Religion

- Units: God Blesses a Family, God Blesses a Nation, God Blesses Leaders, God Speaks through Prophets, The Savior Comes, Jesus' Miracles, Jesus Speaks to the People, Jesus Saves, Tell about Jesus, Reformation/Martin Luther
- Weekly memory work, praying throughout the day, songs of praise

Reading/Writing/Grammar/Spelling (Common Core aligned)

- Reading: Realistic Fiction, Animal Fantasy and Non-Fiction genres
- Phonics: long and short vowel sounds, digraphs and blends, contractions, compound words, word endings
- Phonemic awareness – Michael Heggerty
- Writing: sentences, paragraphs, factual reports, journals
- Grammar: sentences, nouns, verbs, adjectives
- Spelling words connected to the phonics lessons each week

Math (Common Core aligned)

- Rocket Math and problem solving (daily)
- Place value: tens and ones, numbers to 120
- Addition and subtraction strategies to 20
- Two-digit addition and subtraction without regrouping
- Organizing and using graphs
- Ordering and comparing lengths, nonstandard units of measurement
- Telling time to the half hour
- Two- and three-dimensional shapes and equal shares

Science

- Life Science - Insects
- Physical Science – Liquids and Solids
- Earth Science – Pebbles, Sand and Silt
- Health topics: nutrition, exercise, dental health

Social Studies

- School
- Communities
- Work! Work! Work!
- Our Earth, Our Resources
- This is Our Country

Handwriting

- Lower case and upper case manuscript
- Proper formation of numbers
- Neat, legible manuscript is expected on all assignments

Technology

- Listening to student-selected reading during guided reading
- AR testing
- Document camera used daily

Music (twice weekly)

- Music theory: meter, key signatures, vocal technique
- Primary choir: sing in worship services four times a year
- Extra-curricular musical opportunities: strings, piano

Physical Education (daily)

- Midline-crossing activities
- Vaulting and tumbling activities
- Cardiovascular endurance activities
- Throwing, tossing, dribbling, catching, and striking activities
- Ongoing development of locomotor and dance skills

Art (once a week)

- Elements of visual art are offered and explored
- Introduction to various artists and art media

Library check out (once a week)