

First Grade

Curriculum



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Language Arts

Using Adventures of the SuperKids, a core reading program for beginning readers, we teach all aspects of reading.

In First Grade Language Arts, you can expect your child to:

- Develop print and book awareness
- Develop phonological awareness and word recognition
- Develop reading fluency
- Read with expression
- Develop comprehension strategies and vocabulary
- Develop writing skills using the writing process (creative and non-fiction)
- Share writing with classmates, teachers and other classes
- Write and illustrate a Bare Book
- Develop grammar, usage and mechanics
- Develop handwriting and proper letter formation
- Develop spelling skills
- Develop speaking and listening skills
- Participate in small group and class discussions
- Participate in weekly Reading Buddies with a Fourth Grade buddy
- Read aloud to a teacher regularly
- Participate in small group and center activities
- Read aloud to you nightly using books from home and leveled books from our classroom library

Math

Our daily Go Math! Curriculum makes learning math fun with hands-on activities and manipulatives.

In First Grade Math, your child will:

- Understand one, two-digit addition and subtraction
- Count, model and compare numbers
- Understand measurement, including time and money
- Represent and read data with graphs and charts
- Explore two and three-dimensional geometry
- Participate in weekly math centers
- Participate in daily calendar practice
- Receive individualized attention and small group practice
- Participate in review, reteach and enrichment activities

Science

The three main science topics explored by First Grade are Light and Sound, Animal and Plant Parts and Survival, and Sky Patterns. Resources from *TCI Bring Science Alive!* and *Mystery Science* help to facilitate hands-on experiments for students.

In First Grade Science, your child will:

- Construct explanations and design solutions
- Engage in arguments from evidence
- Obtain, evaluate and communicate information
- Plan and carry out investigations
- Analyze and interpret data
- Ask questions and define problems
- Plant and care for a community garden
- Participate in field trips to enhance science learning
- Create a project for the school STEM Expo

Social Studies

Social Studies themes are woven into many of our other subjects in First Grade. The students will:

- Develop responsibility in the classroom and community
- Celebrate diversity in our community and world
 - World travel to explore the culture, customs, food and landmarks of countries on each continent
 - Each student creates a diversity bag to share what makes him or her special
- Discuss basic environmental responsibilities
- Investigate maps and read map symbols
- Explore geography
- Use a compass
- Discuss how location, climate and the physical environment affect where and how people live
- Discuss holidays around the world
- Discuss age-appropriate current events
- Appreciate grandparents (Grandparents' Celebration)
- Research and share about important historical figures
- Work cooperatively in small, project-based groups

Enrichment Classes

- Chapel
- Religion
- Art
- Music
- Physical education (daily)
- Spanish
- Computer
- Library