

Kindergarten

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

Centers: Housekeeping with play kitchen and imaginative dress up, building with blocks and Legos, book nook, handwriting and coloring table, painting easel, play dough station, Science room, thematic sensory table, puzzles, loft, guinea pig, math station, manipulative bins, puppet show, multi-cultural surveys, and write words around the room.

Field Trips: Pumpkin Patch, Breakfast at Brennan's, Jean Lafitte National Park, and Nix Library.

Social Studies:

1. Develop a sense of community in the classroom, school, city, and state.
2. Celebrate holidays in the United States and world.
3. Introduction to concepts of symbols.
4. Prepare a Mardi Gras program that highlights one country.
5. Investigate simple maps and globes.
6. Work cooperatively in small, project-based groups.
7. Share, care, and cooperate in development of respect for self and others.
8. Develop responsibility as classroom helpers and learn about community workers. Parent and family members are welcome and encouraged to visit and share their occupation.

9. All About Me: 1. First, middle, and last name 2. Address 3. Birthday 4. Tie shoelaces 5. Right and left. 6. Telephone number 7. Height and weight documented on the first and last day of Kindergarten 8. Safety 9. Family 10. Hopes and Dreams 11. I am Good at...! 12. Our bodies are traced, painted, and stuffed.

10. Show and Tell: Students develop public speaking skills and poise as they learn to be both speaker and audience member through interactive sharing.

St. Andrew's Virtues:

August: Respect

September: Honesty

October: Service

November: Gratitude

December: Faith

January: Personal Integrity

February: Social Responsibility

March: Diversity

April: Nurture

May: Kindness

Enrichment Classes:

1. Art
2. Chapel
3. Library
4. Music
5. Physical Education (daily)
6. Spanish

How the Kinderbears Help Their School: Read books to the Pre-K and Tadpoles!

Kindergarten Traditions and Plays:

1. *What is a Huggles?* Kinderbears make their own Huggles.
2. Halloween: *In the Dark, Dark Box*, Costumes, and class party
3. Thanksgiving Play: Kinderbears dress up as the Pilgrims and Pre-K are our Native Americans.
4. Gingerbread Houses and Dads and Teddy Bear Christmas Book Exchange with Pre-K
5. Bear Mania Week and Bear Day
6. Kindergarten Mardi Gras Parade on Cardinal Field
7. Easter Egg Hunt at the Chalstrom House
8. Ice Cream Party and Alliterations end-of-the-year program
9. Grandparent's Day
10. Lessons and Carols
11. Episcopal School Sunday