

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 Math in Focus! 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
- Understand the place-value of one, two, and three-digit numbers
- 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. *Mystery Science* and many other resources 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
- Participate in field trips to enhance science learning

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
- 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
- Library