

# FIRST GRADE

# QuickFacts



*First Grade is a wonderful time in the lives of children! Their minds are like little sponges ready to absorb a variety of information. We will make learning fun as we develop their mind's ability to learn and retain information through intentional memorization of classical poems, catechisms, and Scripture. Students will develop basic reading, writing, and mathematical skills and give special attention to foster a love of reading that will serve them throughout their lives.*

## Subjects We Study

### READING/PHONICS

- Spell to Read and Write (Wanda Sanseri)
- Primary Phonics, Consonants, long and short vowel sounds
- Phonograms

### GRAMMAR

- Parts of speech (with jingles!)
- Capitalization and punctuation
- Writing in complete sentences,
- paragraphs, letters, and book reports
- First Language Lessons for the Well-Trained Mind

### SPELLING

- ABC order
- Rhyming words and homonyms
- Suffixes, prefixes, and plurals
- Synonyms and antonyms
- Spelling rules and dictation

### HANDWRITING

- Zaner-Bloser manuscript
- Correct handwriting sitting and hand position
- Letter tracing, horizontal, vertical, slanting, and circle lines

### SCIENCE

- Science in the Beginning (Dr. Jay L. Will)
- Life Science, physical science, and the human body
- Sketches and observations compiled in individual nature study journals
- Labs and hands-on experiments twice a week.

### MATH

- Math in Focus (Singapore Math Method)
- Addition and subtraction with two-digit numbers and money
- Measurement and telling time
- Sorting and classifying data
- Identify, describe, and extend two and three-dimensional shapes

## History Cycle

*THE STORY OF THE WORLD: VOLUME II, MEDIEVAL HISTORY*

## Bible Cycle

*THE PROMISES OF GOD (ESV BIBLE)*

CATECHISM QUESTIONS 16-30

## Fine Arts and PE

WEEKLY MUSIC AND ART CLASSES (2X/WEEK)

JR. BATTLE MASTERS & GRACE AND STRENGTH (2X/WEEK)

DAILY RECESS

EXAMPLES OF

### BOOKS WE READ

*Caps for Sale*  
by Esphyr Slobodkina

*Stone Soup*  
by Marcia Brown

*Henry and Mudge*  
by Cynthia Rylant

*Blueberries for Sal*  
by Robert McCloskey

*Frog and Toad series*  
by Arnold Lobel

*Little Bear series*  
by Maurice Sendak

EXAMPLES OF

### PIECES WE RECITE

*"My Shadow"*  
by Robert Louis Stevenson

*"Christmas Prayer"*  
by Robert Louis Stevenson

*"Fall, Leaves, Fall"*  
by Emily Bronte

*"Rain in Summer"*  
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*"Bed in Summer"*  
by Robert Louis Stevenson

## Class Traditions to Look Forward to

**KNIGHTING CEREMONY:** After studying knights- their armor and where and how they live- "The King of Augustine School" visits our classroom to dub the 1st Grade squires as "official" knights. We make shields, swords, and a life-size castle before presenting our research to parents and classmates.

**PUMPKIN FARM FIELD TRIP:** Each fall, our class visits a local farm with animals, a corn maze, and a hayride. Each student also gets a pumpkin to take home.

*Miss Titsworth and Mrs. Massey love to watch their students learn, create, and develop Godly character that will motivate them to become all their Creator designed them to be. They are so excited to teach your first grader to see the goodness, truth, and beauty to be found in all they will learn!*