

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 loves to watch her students learn, create, and develop Godly character that will motivate them to become all their Creator designed them to be. She is so excited to teach your first grader to see the goodness, truth, and beauty to be found in all they will learn!