

FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM

Spanish

The students are introduced to the Spanish language through songs, stories, games and crafts. They will build a basic vocabulary of colors, numbers, greetings, animals and other topics throughout the year.

Homework

Homework is a means of reinforcing skills taught during the school day. Homework is assigned Monday – Thursday. In addition to the reading anthology, students are assigned a bi weekly reading folder. Students are required to read a book and complete the accompanying activity.

Weekly Packets

Each week, a packet containing graded papers is sent home. Parents and students are encouraged to review these papers together. Parents are asked to sign the packet and return it to school.

Conferences

Two formal conferences are scheduled each school year. Parents are also encouraged to meet with their child's teacher as needed to discuss academic progress.

Specials

Students participate in a variety of classes to enhance the basic curriculum which include: Art, Music, Physical Education, Library, Spanish and Computer.

"Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with God"

-Micah 6:8

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First Grade

The first grade curriculum provides students with whole group and individualized instruction in the subject areas of language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, religion and Spanish. Students are given the opportunity to grow and experience academic success in a child centered environment. A teacher certified by the state of Florida along with a part-time teaching assistant helps each student attain their highest potential. The curriculum is also enhanced through use of SMARTBOARD technology integrated into all subject areas.

Religion

The religion curriculum fosters a formation of faith. Through the lessons presented, the children are able to participate in prayer activities. The program includes four units: Jesus Teaches Us About God's Love, We are Followers of Jesus; We belong to the Church, and We Celebrate and Live Our Faith. The students participate in a weekly Friday liturgy. In addition, supplemental resources are utilized in order to enhance the religion curriculum.

Language Arts

Reading- The first grade reading program utilizes the literature based Harcourt reading series. Students are provided with anthologies and workbooks to use for class work and homework assignments. There is a strong emphasis on comprehension skills and reading fluency. The students are also taught a variety of reading strategies that help them develop their reading skills. Each skill is evaluated throughout the school year using various testing materials. Through the use of differentiated instruction we address each student's learning needs. In addition, all students are encouraged to participate in the Accelerated Reading Program, Scholastic Reading Counts, and The Pizza Hut Book-It Program.

Writing- The first grade program places a strong emphasis on building young writers. Students are instructed using the Six Traits of Writing. Each trait is presented, reviewed, and applied to the student's journal and story writing across the curriculum.

Phonics- All consonant sounds are reviewed in the first grade program. Short and long vowel sounds along with other phonetic sounds are introduced and reviewed as students learn to blend sounds to form words in their reading, writing, and listening activities.

Spelling- During the school year students begin weekly spelling lessons. A list of spelling words is assigned for homework on Monday and a spelling test is given on Friday. Spelling words are an integral part of the reading program.

Vocabulary – Vocabulary words are introduced through the reading series. High frequency words are reviewed and integrated into the weekly stories read.

Handwriting

The D'Nealian alphabet is practiced on a daily basis. Students are instructed in the formation of upper and lower case letters and numbers.

Math

The McGraw-Hill math series provides the basis for the first grade math program. Beginning with number concepts, and then moving on to addition and subtraction computation, our students are encouraged to master mathematics facts up to twenty. The values of coins are taught along with telling time to the hour and half hour. Basic measurement skills, graphing, fractions and place value to the hundredths are included in the program. With the use of daily word problems, students are able to build their critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students work with addition and subtraction flash cards nightly and at school to improve their math facts. Students are also encouraged to participate in our math enrichment program, Sunshine Math.

Science

The Scott Foresman Science series includes topics on living and non-living things, habitats, plants, animals, weather, matter, energy and space. These lessons are also integrated throughout other subject areas. They also include hands-on activities, experiments and directed inquiry activities that builds the student critical thinking skills

Social Studies

The social studies curriculum includes units on families, the community, working, our earth and resources, our country and our world. These lessons are integrated throughout the other subject areas and include hands-on activities.