

First Grade

The first grade curriculum offers a wonderful blend of learning and fun in Reading, Spelling, Math, Writing, Social Studies, and Science. Heavy emphasis is placed on phonics and fluency skills, problem solving, and computation skills while working in large groups, small groups, and independently.

Curriculum

Language/Arts and Reading:

Reading and language instruction includes guided Reading using the Open Court Reading Series. Books, sound recognition, word walls, sight words, journaling, and handwriting are important components of this learning model. Daily Oral Language activities are also included in the curriculum. It is in First Grade that students begin to participate in the Accelerated Reader Program.

Mathematics:

Math in Focus is the primary program utilized for Math instruction. Daily Oral Math lessons and fast facts are also included. Heavy emphasis is placed on Math computation.

Science and Social Studies:

Social Studies is integrated into literature-based studies through Reading and Language Arts and thematic units. First Grade students begin the Lower School Science curriculum, using Science Studies Weekly. Students also participate in Computer Lab, Art, Library, Physical Education, Godly Play, and Chapel.