



First Grade



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First Grade Program

- **READING** - as a subject, provides the individual student with the ability to decode, comprehend, and apply reading skills. A heavy emphasis is placed on the phonetic approach to reading using the McGraw-Hill Reading program as the key to unlock the door to independent mastery and the ultimate goal: a love for reading. The SRA Reading Laboratory and the Accelerated Reader program are added as enrichment on an individual basis. The BELLS (Building Early Language and Literacy Skills) early intervention for phonemic awareness program is also used.
- **HANDWRITING** - instruction includes the production of legible *D'Nealian* letters. Emphasis is placed on letter formation, correct grip of pencil, and posture.
- **LANGUAGE ARTS** - Grammar, writing, and composition are taught using the Shurley Method. The Shurley Method teaches a solid foundation of grammar in a new and exciting way.
- **SPELLING** - is taught using both the McGraw-Hill program which is closely correlated to the reading vocabulary and Scientific Spelling which stresses spelling patterns and rules.
- **MATHEMATICS** - is taught using the Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley Mathematics (Diamond Edition), a research-based curriculum that focuses on developing students' conceptual understanding and concrete skills through step-by-step instruction. The Accelerated Math computer-assisted program is also a part of our math curriculum. It allows students to work independently on various concepts as they are ready for them.
- **SCIENCE** - emphasizes the hands-on approach to learning. Topics of study include life science, physical science, earth science, and the human body.
- **SOCIAL STUDIES** - is taught using the Scott Foresman series helping every child become an active, involved, and informed citizen. It allows children to explore their world and see how they can contribute as individuals. Content includes citizenship, culture, economics, geography, government, history, science, and technology.
- **SPECIAL CLASSES:**

Christian education	Spanish
P.E.	Library
Chapel	Music

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