



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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## First Grade Overview

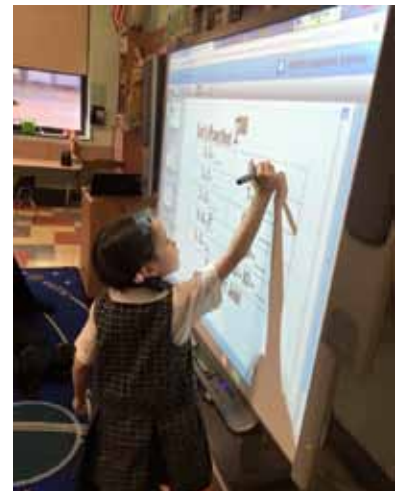
First grade is a year of tremendous growth. Your child will not only grow physically, but also emotionally, intellectually and socially. Those little babies enter first grade and transform into amazing boys and girls.

Religion is a way of life rather than a subject. We incorporate what we believe into all subjects and in problem solving. The children do learn the prayers, which are recited daily. Their curriculum teaches about the life of Jesus, the structure of the parish, the hierarchy of the church, sacraments and family life.

Our reading program, Macmillan Reading Wonders, is research –based, using fun, interesting literature in order to teach the phonics, spelling and grammar skills. The first grade program builds on the skills learned in kindergarten. Each week a specific sound and its spelling is targeted. Through different genre of literature, these phonics and spelling skills are practiced so that the children can connect the skills to their everyday lives. The writing component gradually builds skills from writing a sentence correctly , writing a simple rhyme, to writing a how to story and a personal narrative. The children can also identify nouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives.

Using manipulatives and the Smart Board, math comes alive and real for the child. Building from the concrete to the abstract, the child develops a solid understanding of the concept. Different problem solving strategies are also taught.

Science is taught as a hands on subject. The children create, model, interact and research. Projects are done in groups or individually.



Social Studies takes the child from his/her family to the great, big world around him/her. Beginning with the family unit, the course of study goes to neighborhood, city, state, country, continent. Historical figures introduced as are map skills. During the holidays, celebrations are included in the curriculum. For Thanksgiving, we prepare food for the feast, which includes a prayer service. Crafts are done for each of the holidays.

At the first grade level, the curriculum is developed to ensure the success of the child. There are challenging opportunities available to those students who need them. There are also opportunities available for reinforcement for those students who need extra help.