



# Curriculum Summary

## 1st Grade



### Overview

First grade is a year of amazing growth. The children begin the year excited to continue skills learned in kindergarten and they leave self-confident and independent learners. Our first grade curriculum exceeds the Pennsylvania State Standards as well as the Diocesan Guidelines.

### Language Arts

The critical elements in our first grade reading/language arts program help the students grow in their phonemic awareness, word building, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills.

#### *Classroom Textbooks & Materials*

- Pearson Scott Foresman – *Reading Street*

#### *What Your Child Will Learn*

- Sight words
- Language skills
- Listening skills
- Oral reading
- Independent reading
- Short and long vowels
- Diagraph and blend sounds
- Various reading genres
- Phonemic decoding and blending

#### *Special Projects*

- Bruno Bear
- Book reports
- Creative writing
- Learning centers
- All About Me Box

### Math

Our math skills build upon each other and GROW all year long. These effective problem solving skills and strategies, both concrete and abstract, are designed to help each child become proficient independent thinkers.

#### *Classroom Textbooks & Materials*

- *Sadlier Math*
- *Simple Solutions Mathematics*

#### *What Your Child Will Learn*

- Addition and subtraction facts without regrouping.
- Recognition of numbers 0-1,000
- Greater than and less than recognition.



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- Skip counting 2, 5, 10 and 25 to 300.
- Grouping ones, tens and hundreds.
- Introduction of money to \$1.00.
- Telling time to the hour and half hour.
- Introduction to measuring.
- Identify shapes and objects.

#### *Special Projects*

- Classroom store

#### **Religion**

Our Catholic beliefs, values and morals are integrated into all aspects of our learning and growing. We emphasize how special and unique each child is and that each child has something to offer our class, school and God's world.

#### *Classroom Textbooks & Materials*

- Sadlier - We Believe Grade 1

#### *What Your Child Will Learn*

- Prayers
- Members of the Holy Family
- How Jesus grew, lived, learned, taught and cared for others.
- The miracles Jesus performed

#### *Special Projects*

- Make our own Rosary
- Community service project for Meals on Wheels

#### **Science**

Our science program recognizes the importance our children have in taking care of the living and growing world around us. The students participate in an annual lesson that connects science and religion. We watch the metamorphose of live butterflies and correlate it with Jesus' new life during Lent.

#### *Classroom Textbooks & Materials*

- Science- Scott Foresman
- Scholastic News Magazine

#### *What Your Child Will Learn*

- Weather and seasons.
- Keeping our bodies healthy.
- Safety
- Animal Habitats
- Taking care of the Earth and the living things on it.



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#### *Special Projects*

- Butterfly garden
- Animal habitat diorama

#### **Social Studies**

Our Social Studies program recognizes the community around us and our part in it. We focus on eight attributes that will continue to grow and develop an honorable citizen who exhibits; courage, freedom, honesty, justice, leadership, loyalty, respect and responsibility.

#### *Classroom Textbooks & Materials*

- *People and Places*-MacMillan/McGraw-Hill
- *Scholastic News Magazine*

#### *What Your Child Will Learn*

- Safety
- Presidents
- Black History
- Women's History
- Holidays
- Our family and community

#### *Special Projects*

- Scholastic News Magazine
- President Research Paper

#### **Spanish**

Students will be introduced to Spanish vocabulary and basic conversation.

#### *Classroom Textbooks & Materials*

- Supplemental teacher materials

#### *What Your Child Will Learn*

- Vocabulary
- Basic conversation
- Prayers— Glory Be and Sign of the Cross