

First Grade Curriculum

Religion: 30 minutes/day

Creation
Jesus' Life
Baptism
Mary's Life
The Mysteries of the Rosary
The Liturgical Year
Saints and Feast Days
Stations of the Cross
Bible Stories

Prayers to Know:

“Our Father”
“Hail Mary”
“Glory Be”
Grace before meals
Blessing oneself

ILA: Phonics, Spelling, Language Mechanics, Writing, and Reading (2hrs 25 min/day)

Phonics:

1. Review of Initial, Medial, and Final Consonants
2. All Vowel Sounds (long and short) and their rules
3. “Y” as a vowel, when it sounds like “i” and “e”
4. R controlled vowels – or, ar, ir, er, ur
5. Endings –ing and -ed

Spelling:

1. simple rhyming words
2. words with same vowel pattern
3. Dolch basic sight words
4. color and number words
5. words with same beginning sound and ending sound
6. Challenge words- weekly high frequency and reading vocabulary words
7. use of spelling words in dictation sentences

Reading:

1. comprehension
2. sight words, vocabulary, high frequency words
3. Decoding: sounding out words with word attack skills – blending or stretching out unknown words
4. sequencing events
5. oral reading with fluency and expression

Language Mechanics:

1. nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns
2. simple sentences (asking and telling) Exclaiming, Commands
3. Daily oral language (correcting given sentences)
4. Subject and predicates

Writing:

1. Journal
2. Creative writing
3. Published story
4. Book report – Fairy Tale Project in April/May

5. Research report- Animal Reports in January

Math: 45 minutes/day

- Addition and subtraction facts through 18 (no Trading)
- Classifying by size, shape, color
- Place value : hundreds, tens, and ones
- Counting by 2's, 5's, 10's,
- Graphs
- Greater than/Less than
- Time to the hour and half hour – we often get to telling time to the five minute intervals
- Measurement- centimeters and inches
- Word problems
- Critical thinking skills
- Estimation
- Introduce Addition and Subtraction with trading and borrowing

Science: 45 minutes/week

- Matter: Properties of Solids and Liquids
- Animals
- Sound, light, heat
- weather
- Senses and our bodies health
- Safety at School and Home

Social Studies: 45 minutes/week

- Families
- Neighborhoods
- Folk Heroes
- Map skills
- Special Monthly Holidays
- History

Specialties:

- Technology 45 min/week
- Music 45 min/week
- Art 45 min/week
- Gym 45 min/week
- Spanish 45 min/week
- Library 45 min/week