



## FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM

### IN FIRST GRADE MATH the students will:

- learn addition and subtraction concepts and strategies
- learn the language of patterns, rules, and symbols
- understand, identify, and describe geometric shapes
- begin the study of measurement
- understand money concepts such as the value of combinations of coins
- tell time to the hour and half hour
- understand fractions—halves, thirds, and fourths

### IN FIRST GRADE READING/LANGUAGE ARTS the students will:

- engage in brainstorming, prewriting, drafting, revising and editing
- read and respond to a variety of fiction and nonfiction pieces
- learn alphabetical order
- learn the parts of speech: noun, verb, adjective
- construct simple sentences with correct punctuation
- learn the basics of letter writing and story-telling

### IN FIRST GRADE SCIENCE & HEALTH the students will:

- make discoveries about their environment and themselves
- understand that they must take care of their own bodies
- take responsibility for protecting their own environment
- examine plant and animal life with a focus on life cycles
- be active learners as they explore physical properties and changes of matter

### IN FIRST GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES the students will:

- understand the importance of being a good citizen and following laws
- explore and engage in basic map skills
- identify people who influenced United States history
- identify the symbols of the United States
- order events on a timeline and create one for their own life

### IN FIRST GRADE RELIGION the students will:

- recognize that we are a community of faith and a Church in action
- use prayer as a way of deepening their relationship with God
- be reverently engaged in prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and contrition
- understand the sacramental meaning of the Holy Eucharist
- define baptism as becoming members of Christ and the Church
- participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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#### First Grade Specials

Fine Arts  
Music  
Physical Education  
Library

#### First Grade Highlights

Monthly author studies  
'One Hundredth Day of School' project  
Mystery readers  
Timeline project  
Accelerated Reader  
Xtra Math  
Participation in Primary Program  
Virtue Education Program