

First Grade



PHONICS/ HANDWRITING/ GRAMMAR

In first grade, students build their phonics knowledge with Core Skills Phonics 2 and Spelling Workout B. They improve their handwriting even further with Copybook 2, as well as introduce cursive in New American Cursive 1. They will also use First Language Lessons for the Well Trained Mind 1 & 2 to improve grammar understanding and usage.



MEMORY PERIOD

Our students build a wide base of factual knowledge through recitations, chants, and jingles! Some of the first grade memory work includes learning about history facts, the books of the Bible, time zones, and much more. They also recite the Pledge of Allegiance and an Opening Prayer every day. Some specific passages include:

- ✓ Genesis 1:9-13
- ✓ Psalm 84
- ✓ Psalm 100
- ✓ Psalm 34
- ✓ Psalm 23
- ✓ Psalm 130
- ✓ Westminster Shorter Catechism questions 25-36
- ✓ First and Second Amendments



HISTORY

The first grade students will study *The Story of the World - Volume 1*, which covers "from the earliest nomads to the ancient emperors!" Goals include:

- ✓ Give students an enthusiasm for history
- ✓ An idea of the chronological order of historical events
- ✓ A basic understanding of major ancient cultures



GEOGRAPHY

In first grade, the students learn about the geography corresponding to the places they study in our history book, *The Story of the World-Volume 1*.

- ✓ 7 Wonders of the Ancient World
- ✓ Oceans and Continents
- ✓ Middle East Countries
- ✓ Middle East Seas/Rivers/Mountains
- ✓ Middle East Cities/Empires
- ✓ Asia Countries
- ✓ Asia Seas/Rivers/Mountains
- ✓ Asia Cities/Empires



MATH

Saxon 2 - "Saxon teaches students using a spiral-format that consistently reviews older concepts, adding more and more information to concepts they have previously encountered."

-Saxon Teacher's Edition

- ✓ Mastery of basic addition & subtraction facts
- ✓ Solve story problems
- ✓ Skip counting
- ✓ Telling time to five minutes
- ✓ Measurement
- ✓ Calculations with money



SCIENCE

In first grade, we explore God's world around us through our science lessons and enrichment activities. The topics come out of our weekly read-aloud books and we build upon those topics with other readings, drawings, and projects. Topics of discussion include:

- ✓ Day & Night
- ✓ Night Animals
- ✓ Teeth
- ✓ Extreme Weather
- ✓ Habitats
- ✓ Maps

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READING

The students read a wonderful variety of children's books, including:

- ✓ Little Bear
- ✓ Little Bear's Visit
- ✓ Caps for Sale
- ✓ Blueberries for Sal
- ✓ Make Way for Ducklings
- ✓ Billy and Blaze
- ✓ The Story about Ping
- ✓ Stone Soup
- ✓ Miss Rumphius
- ✓ Christmas in the Big Woods

At the end of first grade, students are able to read the following passage:

Miss Rumphius pg.19

After a hard winter spring came. Miss Rumphius was feeling much better. Now she could take walks again. One afternoon she started to go up and over the hill, where she had not been in a long time.

"I don't believe my eyes!" she cried when she got to the top. For there on the other side of the hill was a large patch of blue and purple and rose-colored lupines!

"It was the wind," she said as she knelt in delight. *"It was the wind that brought the seeds from my garden here!"*



OTHER

- ✓ Weekly Art, Music, PE, and Chorale classes
- ✓ Weekly studies from The Jesus Storybook Bible: *Every Story Whispers His Name* by Sally Lloyd-Jones

