

First Grade Classroom Overview

Daily Schedule

8:55-9:00 Drop off

9:00-9:15 Announcements, Pledges, Overview of the day

9:15-9:45 Bible

9:45-10:45 Phonics/ English Lesson and Handwriting

10:45-11:00 Break: Bathroom/Hand washing/Snack

11:00-12:00 Reading Groups and Centers

12:00-12:30 Lunch

12:30-1:00 Recess

1:00-1:30 Math

1:30-1:45 Spelling

1:45-2:00 Story

2:00-2:30 Heritage Studies/Science

2:30-3:00 Varied Specials, PE, Music, Computer, Art, Spanish

3:00-3:15 Preparation for Dismissal

3:15-3:30 Pick Up

Schedule subject to change

Descriptions of Subjects

Bible

- Chronological and thematic study of the Old and New Testament
- Bible characters including Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Peter, and Paul
- Themes including God's Promises, Guidance, Care, Strength and Prayer
- Memory Verses

Music

- Singing Techniques
- Classroom Instruments
- Theory
- Composers

Phonics and English:

- Emphasis on phonics as the key to word recognition
The use of phonic story books will provide extra practice for the children

Provides phonics instruction in a logical format

Students will be encouraged to identify beginning, middle and ending sounds

Students will be encouraged to look for predictable patterns in words

- The development of comprehension centered listening and reading
Listening lessons will include questions to evoke all levels of developmental thinking. Questions will include literal, interpretive, critical and appreciative questions.
- Writing Skills
Begins with oral discussion
Watching the teacher model the writing process
Then composing written phrases and sentences in their own words

A five step process is gradually introduced:

1. Planning
2. Writing
3. Revising
4. Proofreading
5. Publishing in various formats

Reading and Centers

- Students will learn the joy and benefit of reading
Students will build silent and oral reading habits that will further fluency
- Continued emphasis on comprehension
- Emphasis on building a vocabulary
- There will be encouragement for parent participation at home
- Students will be broken into reading groups to encourage individual growth

Math

- Addition and Subtraction Facts
- Addition and Subtraction of Two Digit Numbers
- Addition of Three Digit Numbers
- Money
- Time and Calendar
- Simple Fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Place Value: Three Digit Numbers
- Metric Measurement

Spelling

- Students will have weekly lists

- On Monday there will be a pretest, Wednesday a pretest and Friday's will be the final test
Tuesday's and Thursday's will be spent engaging in fun activities to learn tools on how to be good spellers

Social Studies

- The New World
Early America
- Geography
- Government
God's Laws vs. Man's Laws
- World History
Vikings and Explorers

Science

- Earth Science
- Space
- Life Science
Living Things
Human Body (Senses and Healthy habits)

In Art Class, children use a variety of mediums to create unique masterpieces. Each grade learns a variety of techniques appropriate for their age to enable the child to express themselves through art.

First Grade

- Color Theory – primary and secondary colors
- Art Vocabulary
- Sketch Skills
- Patterns
- Ceramics

Spanish

In all of our classes we want to create an atmosphere of learning and understanding basic Spanish to be built upon as the years go on. We desire to see the children enjoy learning about another culture and adding to their education during the early years and be prepared for advancing in that language, if they desire, in Jr. High and High School. We will have workbooks, flash cards, songs, puppets, coloring and games as we journey along in this learning adventure.

The goal and outcome for First Grade Spanish is for them to know and have an understanding of basic vocabulary, numbers 1-20, greetings, family names, colors, objects, shapes, animals, days, months, also beginning to write it out words and short sentences. We will continue in Step 1 in our curriculum.