

# First Grade Curriculum

## Religion

- Students understand that Jesus Christ died to take away our sins
- Children learn Biblical principles through daily Bible stories and relate these Christian concepts to their own lives
- Everything we have is a gift from God
- Expressing thankfulness
- Give praise and adoration to Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Weekly memory verse

## Math

- Basic addition and subtraction using manipulatives
- Basic math facts to 18
- Beginning geometry
- Investigate place value and number patterns to 100
- Money and time concepts with the calendar and clock
- Measurement using inches and centimeters
- Fractions and graphs

## Language Arts

- Reading
  - Sound to letter relationships
  - Blending sounds into words
  - Oral reading of good quality literature
  - Accelerated Reader program
  - Read independently
- Spelling
  - Sound/spelling associations
  - Weekly spelling words and use of spelling workbook
- English
  - Begin to label parts of speech
- Handwriting
  - Letter formation, placement, and word spacing
  - Correct posture
  - Self-evaluation to build independent, neat writers
  - Journal writing

**Science**

- Weather
- Objects around us
- Investigating water
- Plants and animals
- Magnets
- Earth and rocks
- Social Studies
- Changes in people and places over time
- Basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter
- Similarities and differences of people
- Use of globes and maps

**Art**

- Experimentation with colors
- Express individuality through the use of different mediums
- Learn about famous artists

**Music**

- Identify loud and soft sounds
- Describe and create fast and slow sounds
- Imitate and practice steady beat
- Hear and sing music
- Participate in the spring Operetta

**Physical Education**

- Refine basic locomotor skills and movement
- Tumbling
- Running, tag, and circle games
- Simple ball games
- Simple relays
- Working together and team work

**Spanish**

- Basic vocabulary and expressions, which are essential for everyday communication
- Respond to simple questions and commands

**Computer Lab**

- Introduction to computers
- Mouse usage
- Introduction to keyboarding