

1st Grade Course Description

Bible

Text: Bible Flash-A-Card Series by A Beka Publishers

In first grade we discuss Creation through Joseph, the birth of Christ to His resurrection, and the life of Paul. Various passages of Scripture, along with the Books of the Bible, are memorized. Through this study, we trust that they will recognize their need of Christ for salvation and how to apply Biblical truths to their everyday lives.

Math

Text: Math 1 by A Beka Book

Our math program covers addition, subtraction, money, measurement, shapes, counting, and other basic skills using a more traditional approach. Many of the math worksheets use a "testing" format to prepare students for the SATs.

Reading

Text: Reading 1 by A Beka Book

Using the skills we have learned in phonics, we strive to read age-appropriate books with smoothness and expression.

Phonics/Language

Text: Letters and Sounds and Language 1 by A Beka Book

The year starts out with a basic review of letter sounds, blends, and sight words. Built into that are special phonic sounds. These sounds are memorized and are the keys to learning to read. As the year progresses, we study rhyming words, opposites, suffixes, prefixes, punctuation, capitalization, compound words, syllables, alphabetizing, homonyms, synonyms, antonyms, and contractions. Basic sentence writing is done first semester. During the second semester, our skills advance so that we are able to write letters and stories.

Writing

Text: Writing with Phonics 1 by
A Beka Books

First grade students writing is done primarily in cursive. Practice is continued through the school year with an emphasis on neatness, spacing and proper formation.

Spelling

Text: Spelling and Poetry 1 by A Beka Book

The year starts out with one and two vowel words. The lists start with 10 words and then move up to 15. Each list has a common phonic sound in the words. Added to those words are two sight words. These words are drilled and practiced in the classroom every day and are given for homework every night except Wednesday.

Elementary Music

Students will learn the basics of music. This includes steady beat, pitch, principles of rhythm, and basic music theory. They will learn to play rhythm instruments, and upper grades will learn the recorder. Students will prepare a Christmas program, and older students will prepare for T.A.C.S. Competition.

Physical Education

We believe that many healthy habits are developed as children. The students will do activities which teach sharing, following directions, taking turns, team-play, and sportsmanship. Physical Education is vital at this ages to develop listening skills as well as fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination.