

Curriculum Goals for First Grade

Bible

Students will learn the stories of the Old Testament from creation through Samuel. They will learn how these stories apply to their lives and of their need for the Savior. They will have weekly Bible verses which will relate to the Bible lessons they are learning. They will have continuous review of both the stories and the Bible verses.

English

The students will learn to speak and write effectively in the English language. They will learn the basic rules of punctuation and capitalization and to write in complete sentences. They will be able to write four sentences about one topic. The children will be able to tell the difference between questions and statements. They will learn to identify common and proper and singular and plural nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, and prepositions. They will grow in their listening skills and learn to follow written and verbal directions. Students will learn the language is a gift from God used to communicate His truths to the world.

Reading

The children will learn to decode the forty-four sounds in the English language. They will learn to read passages independently to find information in many different subjects. They will read orally with expression. They will begin to develop a love of literature and be encouraged to use their newly acquired reading skills to begin having personal devotions.

Math

Students will begin to master addition and subtraction facts through twelve. They will learn about place value, the sequence of numbers through one hundred, telling time to five minutes, and to count coins. They will study fractions including halves, thirds, and quarters. They will learn to measure in inches, feet, yards, centimeters, Fahrenheit, Celsius, pints, quarts, and ounces. Students will learn to add in double digit columns and to regroup. They will gain experience with word problems. Through their study of math, students will begin to understand the orderliness of God's creation.

Science

Science in first and second grades will be a two year cycle based in the information provided through the Bob Jones Science curriculum. Year one will cover topics related to Life Science based on the concept "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made," while year two will cover topics related to Physical and Earth Science based on the concept "The earth is the Lord's." We are very excited about this new approach to science as we are convinced that it will instill a love for scientific inquiry and study in these young students through hands on discovery and research. Safety and Health topics have also been added to our curriculum, also on a two year rotation- with Safety covered in Year 1 and Health covered in Year 2.

We have sought to lay out this curriculum in a way that will challenge students to observe and learn about the world that God has created and would also give them a genuine desire to explore and investigate. We would encourage you to periodically ask your child what they are “doing” in Science class, thereby reinforcing the desire to learn about our great Creator and the things that He has created.

•Tests/ Quizzes- 30%

•Activity pages/ activities- 70%

Social Studies

In Social Studies the children will learn about the world in which they live. They will be able to find the continents and oceans on a world map and all fifty states on a map of the United States. They will also learn some highlights of the history of the United States. They will study the freedoms we enjoy and symbols of America. They will learn about how America has grown and how communication and travel in the United States has changed. They will learn about some of the most famous people of the United States. Finally, they will be reminded that the United States is only part of the big and beautiful world which God has created.

Penmanship

The children will learn the basic formation of capital and lower-case letters using the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum.

Rhetoric

Students will learn to speak clearly and audibly with proper grammar. They will learn to stick to the topic of a discussion, to ask appropriate questions, and to give appropriate answers.