



FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM

IN FIRST GRADE LITERACY ESSENTIALS our students will:

- keep orthography and spelling notebooks as they continue to learn to write
- practice reading for at least 30 minutes each day
- complete *Primary Phonics* and begin the 100 books of “Uncontrolled Readers”
- read texts at increasing levels of difficulty

IN FIRST GRADE LITERATURE our students will:

- listen to and discuss *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi
- read and recite short poems such as “Hope” by Langston Hughes
- hear classic stories such as Rapunzel, Rumpelstiltskin, Tom Thumb, and Puss-in-Boots
- learn basic literary terms such as characters, heroes, heroines, theater, stage, etc.

IN FIRST GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY our students will:

- identify the oceans, continents, the hemispheres, and the poles
- study an overview of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
- learn about Ancient near-east civilizations including Mesopotamia and Egypt
- study early civilizations of the Americas such as the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas

IN FIRST GRADE MATH our students will:

- add and subtract tens and ones, and count by tens and ones to 100
- identify the basic geometric shapes
- understand the basics of fractions, working with halves and fourths
- learn how to count money and make change

IN FIRST GRADE SCIENCE our students will:

- study the properties of matter: solid, liquid, gas
- understand the interdependence between living things and their environment
- study the various systems of the human body: skeletal, muscular, etc.
- learn the names of the heavenly bodies in our solar system

IN FIRST GRADE ART our students will:

- recognize famous portraits like the Mona Lisa, Whistlejacket, and Van Gogh’s self-portrait
- study and identify the major works of art and architecture in ancient Egypt
- draw, sketch, and paint simple still lifes and human faces

IN FIRST GRADE MUSIC our students will:

- become familiar with basic elements of music through participation
- be introduced to basic musical notation
- recognize that music can tell a story: opera, ballet, etc.

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FIRST GRADE LITERATURE

Story Books

Pinocchio

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

The Indian Cinderella

Sam the Minuteman

Heroes of the Revolution

Tomie DePaola’s Book of Bible Stories

Poems

“Hope” by Langston Hughes

“The Owl and Pussycat” by Edward Lear

“Table Manners” by Gelett Burgess

“Thanksgiving Day” by Lydia Maria Child

“Washington” by Nancy Byrd Turner

Folklore, Fables & Fairy Tales

The Frog Prince

Hansel and Gretel

Jack and the Beanstalk

The Princess and the Pea

Puss-in-Boots

Rapunzel

Tom Thumb

Biographies

A Picture Book of Paul Revere

Hernando Cortes

Gilgamesh, the King