



Memorial Christian Academy

Educating Minds, Experiencing God, Expecting Excellence

FIRST GRADE

Bible

In first grade, the focus of the Bible study is a chronological and thematic study of the Old and New Testaments. It also includes a study of Bible characters to include Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Peter, and Paul. Themes include God keeps His promises, God's guidance, God's care, God gives strength, the Bible, and prayer. There are also special lessons for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter

Textbook: BJU Bible Truths 2nd ed.

English Language Arts Reading

Reading

The focus of reading in first grade includes vocabulary knowledge (synonyms, antonyms, analogies), vocabulary strategies (context clues), reading process skills (author's purpose, predictions, text features, repair strategies), constructing meaning (details, context clues, fact/opinion, form generalizations), organizational structure (compare/contrast, cause/effect, sequencing), literary elements (setting, characterization, plot, narrator, point of view, theme), genre characteristics (fiction/non-fiction, reality/fantasy, genre characteristics), and author's choice (figurative language, sensory detail, literary devices).

Textbook: Teacher developed units; novel sets

Language

Capitalization of first word in a sentence, proper names, names of God, days of the week, and months of the year, correct punctuation at the end of sentences, recognition of complete sentences, words using suffixes, prefixes, syllables, compound words, rhyming words, opposite words, same meaning words, and contractions; alphabetizing of words, writing complete sentences

Textbook: ABEKA

Phonics

Review of vowels, consonants, blends, one- and two- vowel words, consonant blends, Recognition, and use of all phonics special sounds in reading, sleeping rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent e, changing to i

Textbook: ABEKA

Spelling

In first grade, students will have 30 weekly word lists consisting of 10 words per list (9 pattern words and 1 sight word); high frequency words used in writing and every fifth week is a review list with pattern. The word lists develop phonics generalizations: short and long vowel patterns, *r*-influenced vowel patterns, diphthongs; consonant patterns: consonants, consonant blends and digraphs, soft *c*; Structural generalizations include suffixes *s*, *es*, *ed*, *er*, *est*, *ing*; suffix rules and there are no changes to base word or double the final consonant, and drop the final *e*. Students will also complete activities for phonics and structural analysis activities; word meaning activities: sentence contexts, rhyming words, meaning or picture clues, and puzzles. Students also begin working on proofreading and dictionary skills and sentence dictation.

Textbook: BJU Spelling 1 (3rd ed.)

Students will also learn the second 100 sight words from the Frye Sight word list.

Math

The focus of mathematics in first grade is to develop an understanding of place value by practicing addition and subtraction. Other topics include measurement, geometry, time and money. Students will also be introduced to writing equations, reading graphs, and solving word problems. Students are also to achieve automaticity of basic addition and subtraction facts.

Textbook: BJU Math 1 (4th ed.)

Science

Topics to be introduced in first grade science include general science (five senses, STEM, science tools, process skills, and scientific method), life science (plants and animals), our bodies, earth science (the Earth and its lights, seasons, weather), and physical science (light and sound).

Textbook: BJU Science 1

Social Studies/History

In Grade 1, students study their relationship to the world around them (classroom, school, and community) to establish the foundation for responsibility. Students develop concepts of time and chronology through past, present, and future events. Students also identify anthems and mottoes of the United States and Texas and create simple maps to identify the location of places in the classroom, school, and community. Students explore the concepts of goods and services and the value of work, individuals who exhibit good citizenship and describe the importance of family customs and traditions. Students sequence and categorize information and practice problem-solving, decision-making, and independent-thinking skills.

Textbooks: Pearson My World 2013 ed.