

First Grade Curriculum

BIBLE

Our Bible series is *Voyages* by *Concordia Publishing*. Bible stories are taught weekly and memory verses memorized weekly. Weekly Chapel is Wednesday at 8:40 a.m. Please join us if you can.

MATH

Math goals for the year include counting to 100 by 1, 2, 5, and 10 (oral and written), understanding addition and subtraction facts to 20, (1 and 2 digit) with the introduction of carrying and borrowing, telling time to the hour and half hour, using a ruler, and geometry. We have adopted the *Scott Foresman California Math* series.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

In Social Science, first graders learn about reading and making maps, where our food comes from and studies about their world beginning with families and friends, neighborhoods, cities, states, countries and the world. We use *Houghton Mifflin*.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Our reading program is also from *Houghton Mifflin*. The goal is for first grade students to be able to read and write stories, poems, and nonfiction. We work on phonics throughout the year, including the use of a Christian phonics program called *Victory Drill*. English and spelling skills are taught in conjunction with reading. We write both as a class and individually.

SCIENCE

Mrs. Theresa Rowley is our Science teacher who uses the GEMS series, a hands-on approach to science. Science is taught 3 days per week.

HANDWRITING

Students in first grade work on manuscript handwriting, using a text called *A Reason for Handwriting*.

SPANISH/ART/MUSIC

Spanish is taught twice per week using a DVD program developed by Northern Arizona University. Art is taught one day per week by the classroom teacher. Music is taught in the classroom by Mrs. Midthun one day per week.

ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader is a motivational practice reading program. Qualified books are selected and read by the students. The students then take a comprehension test on the computer which provides immediate feedback.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education is taught by Mrs. Loree Bieker twice a week. Christian sportsmanship, as always, will be a major emphasis.

COMMUNICATION

Every Friday your student will bring home an envelope filled with work for that week. Also, there will be a letter from me, which gives you the highlights of the week and any personal notes from me to you about behavior, progress, or anything else I need to talk to you about. The Friday Folder is a vital link in the school-home communication. It is a very important part of our communication with each other, but by no means is it the only link. Any time you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to write me a note or call.

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HOMEWORK

Homework consists of memorizing a Bible verse and reading and practicing *Victory/Math Drill* nightly and weekly homework packets.

DISCIPLINE

In order to develop trust and respect in the classroom, I try to be a fair and consistent teacher. I use a positive behavior plan that encourages each and every child in the classroom to be successful. This is how it works:

Each child will have a card with his/her name on it. If a child is talking, out of order, disrespectful, tardy or not ready with materials, a colored warning slip will be given, depending on the category. Consequences vary depending on the amount of slips issued in a day. Purple slips are awarded for exemplary behavior.

First Grade Teacher

Dear First Grade Parents,

I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve as your child's teacher and to partner with you in providing your child with a memorable first grade experience

This is my third year as the first grade teacher here at St. Peter's. I have been working with children for over 23 years. I have a BA and full teaching credential from CSUS. I have been married to my husband Steve for 24 years. We have 4 sons. David is a sophomore at Cosumnes River College. Matthew is in 8th grade, and twins Andrew and Zachary are in 6th grade this year and all attend St. Peter's. We have 2 dogs and 4 cats. We worship at Southside Community Church.

My teaching assistant Mrs. Baldwin and I are looking forward to giving your child a wonderful year full of love, laughter and learning. It is our desire to provide a stimulating, enriched Christ centered environment that will foster a love of learning.

Yours in Christ,

Charlene Caudle