

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE 1

Lower School



Reading

Reading fluency and comprehension

Curriculum: Spalding, phonics, Freckle, reading strategies in a workshop approach

Strategies: Making connections, predicting, visualizing, inferring, building good reading habits

Individualized Approach:

Students may be working at grade level or above.

Math

Curriculum: Saxon and supplementary resources

Typical Level: Math 1
Advanced Levels: Math 2 or Math 3

Each student is assessed and placed at the best learning level for his/her current ability.

Science

Curriculum: Lab-based science program

Content: Matter; Earth, sun, moon, and stars; magnets; sound; simple machines; tide pools

Social Studies

Curriculum: American studies

Content: Communities; explorers, leaders, and inventors; pioneers; continents; oceans; American holidays

Writing

Curriculum: Writing strategies in a workshop approach

Content: Personal narrative, information writing, opinion writing

Grammar

Curriculum: Shurley Grammar

Content: Nouns and verbs, adjectives, capitalization and punctuation

Bible

Curriculum: The Jesus Storybook Bible

Bible characters and stories including David, Daniel, the Prophets, Jesus' birth, life of Jesus

Specialists

Computer Programming
Art
Physical Education
Spanish
Music
Science Lab
Library

Field Trips

Edmonds Beach
Jubilee Farms
Railway Museum
Pioneer Toys
Kids Quest

Highlights

Three plays based on literature
Innovation Lab
Big/Little Reading Buddies
Christmas at Bear Creek
Mothers Tea
Evening of Artists
Authors Celebration