

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE 1

Lower School



Reading

Reading fluency and comprehension

Curriculum: Spalding, SRA, McCall Crabbs, phonics word work

Strategies: Making connections, predicting, visualizing, inferring, habits of good readers

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; animal classifications; sea life and whales; food groups; simple machines

Social Studies

Curriculum: American Studies

Content: Explorers, pilgrims, famous African Americans, Presidents: Washington and Lincoln, inventors, pioneers, continents and oceans

Writing

Curriculum: Writers Workshop

Content: Personal narrative, informational writing, realistic fiction, and opinion writing

Grammar

Curriculum: Shurley Grammar

Content: Nouns and verbs, adverbs, adjectives, capitalization and punctuation

Bible

Curriculum: The Jesus Storybook Bible; Thoughts That Make Your Heart Sing

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: Information Literacy

Field Trips

Fire Station
Seattle Children's Theatre
Pioneer Farms
Museum of Flight
Edmonds Beach
Center of Wooden Boats
Jubilee Farms
Fairwind Retirement Home

Highlights

Innovation Lab
Art Docent
Big/Little Buddies
Thanksgiving Reader's Theater
Christmas at Bear Creek
Dollar Holler
Mothers Tea
Authors & Artists