

GRACE ACADEMY

What to Expect in First Grade

Bible

- New Testament stories in *The Children's Story Bible*
- Catechism question and answer practice
- Bible Memory of Luke 15:11-32, Psalm 131

Math (Saxon Math 2)

- Addition facts to sums of 18, and their corresponding subtraction facts
- Telling time to the hour, half hour, quarter hour
- Creating bar graphs and various geometric shapes
- Identifying and writing the seasons, days, weeks, months, date and year
- Counting by 2's, 3's 5's 10's, odd and even numbers to 100
- Counting by 10's and 100's to 1000
- Regrouping for addition and subtraction, up to 3 digits
- Multiplication by 1's, 2's, 5's, 7's, 10's
- Measuring and drawing line segments to the inch and half inch
- Identifying fractional pieces of a whole---1/2, 1/3, 1/4
- Ordering numbers and writing them sequentially past 100
- Counting dimes, nickels, pennies, quarters
- Ordering events by time
- Measuring perimeter

History:

- American history including Leif Ericsson, Christopher Columbus, the Pilgrims
- George Washington
- Overview of Texas history beginning with the Indians
- Local and state history field trips
- Learn the Texas History song
- Learn the names and shapes of the 7 continents and 5 oceans via song
- Learn the names of the 50 states via song

Literature: Read aloud in class

- Various books and stories related to history such as:
- *Leif the Lucky, Christopher Columbus, Johnny Texas, Susanna of the Alamo, Stories of the Pilgrims, Boys and Girls of Colonial Days*
- Poetry from Robert Louis Stevenson and others
- Memorization and recitation of *The Swing* and *Rain*

Reading/Grammar (*Saxon Phonics 1, Shurley Grammar, selected classic children's stories*)

- Learn the sounds and spellings of English phonograms
- Read and write consonant blends, digraphs and diphthongs
- Sound, read and write short and long vowel sounds
- Identify root words and the rules for adding suffixes to root words.
- Identify homonyms, synonyms, antonyms
- Learn basic spelling rules, syllable patterns and syllabication rules
- Write words and sentences from dictation
- Regular phonics and reading assessments
- Reading comprehension, finding and writing answers in text, using both Phonics Readers and classic children's books
- Beginning in the second semester, we incorporate *Shurley Grammar* into the week. Students then begin to classify sentences and identify subject nouns, verbs, article adjectives, complete subjects, complete predicates and prepositional phrases.

Integrated Nature Studies

- Learn the characteristics of birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals, including bats.
- Identify Texas birds and mammals
- Participate in a nature field trip to study owls

Music

- Distinctly Christian with the study and singing of traditional hymns
- Distinctly Classical with the study of the works of great composers
- Distinctly Academic with the study and singing of folk songs, rhythm, and pitch
- Distinctly Inspired with the use of instruments
- Distinctly Musical with performances at Lessons & Carols and Fine Arts Evening

Art

Art is integrated into the content areas of Bible, Science, History, Math and Literature.

Art Concepts studied include:

- Understand and apply the Elements of design- line, shape, color, texture, value, space found in God's creation
- Understand and apply the Principles of design-contrast, emphasis, balance, unity, pattern, movement and rhythm found in God's creation
- Color theory: primary colors, secondary colors, tints and shades, warm and cool
- Discuss subject matter in art pieces
- Understand differences in still life, portraits, landscapes and seasons
- Identify the concept of foreground, middleground and background

Art media and techniques include:

- Drawing with graphite pencils, vine charcoal, colored pencils and markers
- Painting with watercolors, tempera paint and finger paints
- Cutting and tearing paper
- Printmaking
- Weaving

- Sculpture

Physical Education

Physical education at Grace Academy serves many purposes. Not only do we focus on skill building and physical activities, but the importance of exercise, healthy living and proper nutrition. We emphasize participation, cooperation and sportsmanship as a team member. Activities to achieve these goals include:

- Locomotor skills
- Movement ed
- Rhythm unit and performance
- Throwing/catching
- Kicking/punting
- Juggling
- Jump rope--long and short
- Basketball skills
- Recreational games
- Cooperative games
- Marathon Kids