

# First Grade

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In first grade, students develop a strong foundation in core academics to support their future learning. Through Superkids language arts and Big Ideas Math curriculum, students are prepared to excel in reading, writing and mathematics. Spelling tests, dictation, writing journals, reading groups, phonics and math speed drills are all incorporated into weekly lessons. First graders have talented teachers lead them in special classes of PE, Music, Studio Workshop, Computers, and Library. The Bible curriculum helps students develop their relationship with Jesus through stories, memory verses, and songs. This is a year of incredible growth for each student!

## Fast Facts

- 20 student maximum class size
- 20 minutes of homework per night
- 5-7 field trips
- 5 enrichment classes per week: PE, Music, Studio Workshop, Computers and Library
- 2 musical presentations per year: Christmas Musical and Spring Performance

## Field Trips

- Sulphur Creek
- Lindsey Wildlife Museum
- Kids Against Hunger, Bay Area
- Alden Lane Nursery
- In-N-Out Burger
- Danville Village Theater
- Lawrence Hall of Science
- Yogurt Shack

## Highlights

- Regular Buddy Events with Upper Grade Buddies
- Chapel Openings
- Harvest Party
- Thanksgiving Celebration
- Christmas Celebration
- Valentine's Day
- 100th Day
- Dr. Seuss Day
- Easter Celebration

## Homework Expectations

- 20-30 minutes each night of Spelling, Math, Reading and Weekly Memory Verse
- Book reports throughout the year

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## Curriculum Outlines

### **Bible and Christian Leadership - Bob Jones ([bjupress.com](http://bjupress.com))**

The first grade Bible is a walk-through of the Old and New Testaments. The focus is on learning more about God and His nature as students observe His interactions with man. Students are encouraged to know Christ as their personal Savior and obey and serve Him faithfully. Prayer and memory verses are a regular part of first grade. Christmas caroling also gives students the joy-filled opportunity to share God's love and serve others.

### **Language Arts - Superkids (<https://www.superkidsreading.com/>)**

The two primary goals of the Superkids program are to produce independent readers and writers and to provide outstanding literary and character building selections. Progress is evaluated in oral reading, fluency, comprehension, spelling, and vocabulary growth. Fiction, animal tales, biographical stories, scripture reading and poetry are genres incorporated into the reading and writing program.

### **Math - Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life ([Big Ideas Math](#))**

This rigorous program balances conceptual understanding with math procedures and application. Each lesson offers digital math tools, modeling, differentiation and real life application. Calendar math, patterning, estimating, counting, addition, subtraction, time, and measurement are introduced and regularly reviewed with games and hands-on activities. Students learn math facts for numbers 1-13 through oral and written practices.

### **Science - Bob Jones ([bjupress.com](http://bjupress.com))**

Students explore and experience a variety of areas with an emphasis on God's creation. Units on living vs. nonliving, animals, insects, plants, the earth and its lights, sound, weather and seasons allow first graders to explore age appropriate interests. Hands-on activities give students a multi-sensory approach to learning science in the world around them.

### **Social Studies - Bob Jones ([bjupress.com](http://bjupress.com))**

Students are introduced to American history by focusing on important symbols, places of interest, historical figures, and important happenings in the USA. Students use maps, globes, pictures, and stories to learn about historical events and how our country fits into the world. In addition, character studies of famous Americans help students understand how God uses individual talents for leadership opportunities.