First Grade
2025-2026 School Year
Arborbrook Christian Academy

LANGUAGE ARTS

Subject	Texts and Sources Used
Literature	• Beatrix Potter stories and author study • *The Country Artist* (biography of Beatrix Potter) • *Frances* stories • *Charlotte's Web* • *The Courage of Sarah Noble* • *The Boxcar Children* • Bear Books- *Bears on Hemlock Mountain* • *Billy and Blaze* series • *The Quiltmaker's Gift* • *The Wise Woman and Her Secret* • *Snowshoe Thompson* • *Snowflake Bentley* • *Little House in the Big Woods* • *My Father's Dragon* trilogy • *Paddle to the Sea (as time allows)*
Writing	• Poetry • Personal narrative • Opinion writing • Informative writing • Seasonal writing
Phonics & Handwriting	*Wilson Reading System Fundations Level 1* Manuscript
Copy Work & Dictations	Teacher led copy work & dictations from books, poetry and Bible verses.
Grammar, Spelling & Vocabulary	*Wilson Fundations* Spelling & vocabulary in context of phonics lessons, copywork & dictations, and grammar
Narration Emphasis	Narrations are done in a variety of ways: orally, written, drawings, acting it out, or role playing. Tasks are set to the children to make them condense, classify, generalise, infer, judge, visualise, discriminate, labour with their minds in one way or another (AmblesideOnline).
Poetry & Recitation	• Poems by poet of the year Henry Wadsworth Longfellow including "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere", "The Village Blacksmith," "The Tide Rises, the Tide Falls," and "The Children's Hour" • Some of *George Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior* • Part of *The Declaration of Independence*

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MATH, SCIENCE, & NATURE STUDY

Subject	Texts and Sources Used
Math	*Eureka Math² (Great Minds) Level One: Units of Ten* • Counting, Comparison and Addition • Addition & Subtraction Relationships • Properties of Operations to Make Easier Problems • Comparison & Composition of Length Measurements • Place Value Concepts to Compare, Add and Subtract • Attributes of Shapes
Science: *Oceans and Marine Animals*	*Apologia: Exploring Creation with Swimming Creatures* Literature to supplement study of oceans and marine animals Emphasis on Nature Study

Nature Study
 	
Seeds
	• Fall Theme: Patterns and Change
	  o Edible School Garden- sowing/harvesting
	  o Seed saving, parts of seed, foraging for seeds
	  o Nature journaling
	• Winter Theme: Discovery and Observation
	  o Winter nature trail walks and games
	  o Hibernation, adaptation, migration,
	  o Nature journaling
	• Spring Theme: Community and Interdependence
	  o Peter Rabbit/Beatrix Potter collaboration
	  o Exploring vernal ponds, signs of spring math,
	  o Edible school garden- sowing and harvesting
	  o Nature journaling
	• Read about the Naturalists of the Year: Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Jacques Cousteau

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HISTORY, INSPIRATIONAL STUDIES, GEOGRAPHY, & BIBLE

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History: *American History Mid 1400's-Mid 1700's: Columbus, Early America, Revolutionary War*	• *Follow the Dream: The Story of Christopher Columbus* (Peter Sis) • *Pocahontas* (D'Aulaire) • *Squanto* • *The Thanksgiving Story* • *Sarah Morton's Day* • *George Washington* (D'Aulaire) • *George Washington's Breakfast* • *The Declaration of Independence* • *Benjamin Franklin* (D'Aulaire) • *Thomas Jefferson's Feast* • *And Then What Happened, Paul Revere* (Fritz) • *Phyllis Wheatley Unit*
Picture Study	**Paintings from the Time Period:** • "Benjamin Franklin Drawing Electricity from the Sky" by Benjamin West • "Paul Revere's Ride" by N.C. Wyeth • "Columbus" by N.C. Wyeth • Paintings by primary artist of the year, Monet
Composer Study	**Music from the time period:** • Native American music • Songs from *American Revolution: The Journey Toward Independence* (Traugh) & Songs from *I Hear America Singing* (such as "Yankee Doodle") • Colonial music • Music by Bach
Geography	• Know the names of the four oceans of the world and find them on a globe • Know the name of the state where they live • Identify the location of the first 13 states on a map • Be able to point to north, east, south, and west looking at a map with a compass rose • Be able to find the United States on a world map and have an idea of where England is located • Read a simple map legend
Bible	*The Biggest Story Curriculum* • Poetry, Prophets, the Gospels (1st cycle) • Hymn studies • Picture studies • Journaling • Missions