



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

GRADE 1

At Cape Henry Collegiate, our grade 1 students receive high quality instruction that fosters academic confidence and the social-emotional support to become independent, self-directed learners. Our curriculum is designed to support the whole child, encourage creativity and foster curiosity. Skills and concepts learned in 1st grade are the vitally important foundation for future learning.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A CHC GRADE 1 CLASSROOM?

- Small group instruction with hands-on learning activities
- Opportunities to build skills for independence
- Emphasis on teamwork, collaboration and social development
- Integration of technology and arts in instruction

WHAT DOES THE CHC GRADE 1 CURRICULUM LOOK LIKE?

The curriculum encourages a balance between academic and self-directed learning skills. Across subject areas, students gain the confidence to work independently in centers and with peers in small groups. In math, students build on early number sense skills developed in kindergarten. In language arts, they build their reading and comprehension skills through guided reading groups. In science, students engage in the scientific method, explore the natural world around them, and build early coding and robotics skills. The carefully designed, cross-curricular activities in Spanish, art, physical education, music, guidance and library classes support academic and social development.

WHAT KEY SKILLS/CONCEPTS DO CHC GRADE 1 CLASSROOMS INTRODUCE TO STUDENTS?

Math

- Add and subtract with/without regrouping
- Represent and compare numbers
- Create and read graphs
- Use measurement tools to solve real problems
- Name, identify and compare shapes

Language Arts

- Use consonant and vowel patterns to decode
- Build comprehension and fluency skills
- Participate in small group reading centers
- Publish narratives, persuasive essays and expository texts with various digital tools

Science

- Practice laboratory safety skills
- Use Scratch to code robots
- Explore Earth's space in the universe and sun and moon phases
- Study magnetism, heat, matter and sound
- Observe Living organism traits and adaptations

Social/Global Studies

- Key concept: "We are more alike than different"
- Explore the various countries and regions in Asia
- Compare and contrast cultures
- Virtually meet with scientists and conservationists in Asia
- Participate in a penpal program