



FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM

By the end of 1st grade, our goal is for students to become confident readers, capable mathematicians, thoughtful writers, and independent learners.



Phonics & Reading:

By the end of the year:

- Apply phonics skills to read words with blends, digraphs, special sounds, vowel combinations, and word endings.
- Read sentences, stories, and books with greater accuracy, fluency, and expression.
- Recognize and spell commonly used words.
- Answer questions about what they read and identify important details.
- Develop vocabulary and understand the meaning of new words.

Goal: Read independently and confidently while using phonics skills to decode unfamiliar words.

LANGUAGE AND WRITING

- Write complete sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation.
- Identify and use nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, and other basic parts of speech.
- Understand subjects and predicates.
- Use correct grammar and sentence structure.
- Write words and sentences from dictation.
- Organize ideas into simple written responses and compositions.
- Develop neat, legible handwriting and proper letter formation.

Goal: Communicate ideas clearly through complete sentences and organized writing.



MATH

- Read, write, compare, and order numbers through 100 and beyond.
- Add and subtract with increasing accuracy, including two-digit problems.
- Understand place value and number relationships.
- Memorize and apply basic addition and subtraction facts.
- Solve one- and two-step story problems.
- Work with money, time, measurement, fractions, and basic geometry.
- Identify patterns and use logical thinking to solve problems.

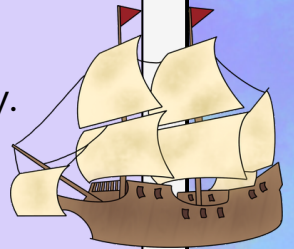
Goal: Build strong number sense and confidently apply math skills to everyday problems.



HISTORY

- Important people, places, and events in American history.
- Basic government, citizenship, and American symbols.
- Communities, families, and how people work together.
- Maps, directions, landforms, bodies of water, and basic geography.
- Different cultures and ways people live around the world.

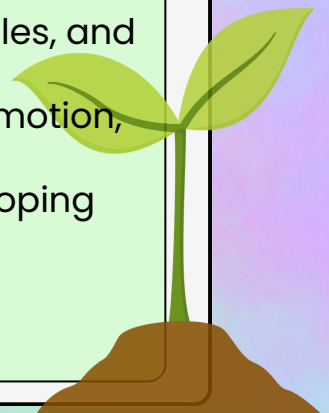
Goal: Develop an understanding of our country, its history, and the world around us.



Science

- God's Creation: The earth, sky, weather, seasons, and the world around us.
- Living Things: Plants, animals, insects, habitats, life cycles, and what living things need to survive.
- Our World: The human body, senses, matter, energy, motion, and other basic scientific concepts.

Goal: Understand basic scientific concepts while developing curiosity about God's creation.



BIBLE



- Important Bible stories and truths from both the Old and New Testaments.
- Key people and events in Scripture.
- Bible verses through regular memorization.
- The life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Biblical principles such as obedience, kindness, honesty, forgiveness, and responsibility.
- How God's Word applies to everyday life.

Goal: Grow in biblical knowledge while developing a personal understanding of Christian character and truth.

Class, Homework, and Grading Expectations



Classwork

Students will complete daily classwork and activities that reinforce the skills being taught in each subject.



Homework

Homework is a GCS standard and will be assigned every night. Homework is designed to reinforce classroom learning and help students practice skills independently.



Grading

Students will be assessed regularly throughout the year. GCS requires at least one test or quiz each week in every subject.

- **Tests: 30%**
- **Quizzes: 25%**
- **Classwork: 20%**
- **Homework: 10%**
- **Participation: 15%**

Our goal: Consistent practice, regular assessment, and active participation help students build strong academic foundations.

Preparing Hearts. Building Skills. Growing Learners.