



First Grade Curriculum Overview

CCA curriculum is consistent with Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Math, WA State Standards in History/Social Studies and Next Generation Science Standards.

Bible Study

Beginning with the Old Testament lessons of creation (Noah, Abraham, Jacob and Moses), the children learn of the majesty and love of God. The celebration of Jesus' coming is the focus during Advent. In the second part of the year, the students learn about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Memory work and prayer are an integral part of the lessons. Through all of these studies, emphasis is placed on our relationship with Jesus Christ and our response to His love and sacrifice.

Reading/Language Arts

The *Open Court* reading program begins our oral and written language development in primary grades. We selected this program for its strong phonetic emphasis. *Open Court* is a balanced literacy program, which develops core skills in reading, writing, language, phonics, spelling and handwriting. Children at all developmental levels are challenged to grow.

Math

CCA uses Curriculum Associates Ready Math series for grades 1 through 4. The focus on problem solving and reasoning provides opportunities for students to apply their understanding and develop math skills in core concept areas, including place value, money and time, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division concepts and facts, and measurement. Assessment and customized math practice are accomplished through the adaptive i-Ready program which complements the Ready Math curriculum.

Units of Study in Social Studies, Science, and Health

- Family, Friends, and Me
- Safety/Senses
- Thanksgiving/Native Americans
- Communities/ Industry
- The US Regions and Government
- Weather
- Habitats – Arctic/Antarctic, Ocean/Coral Reef, Rainforest, Desert, Forest
- World Cultures (Pacific Islands, Asia, India, Africa, Europe, Mexico, U.S.)
- Life Cycles/ Plants and Animals
- Outer Space
- Scientific Inquiry

Additional Learning Opportunities

- iPads in the classroom
- Library/Accelerated Reader Program
- Personalized learning with the Learning Edge and i-Ready reading/math
- Field Trips related to units of study
- Music classes and all-school musicals
- Integrated art experiences
- Weekly Chapel/Service Projects/Middle School Buddies – First graders paired with middle school students for chapel and one-on-one math activities
- School-wide Service Projects
- Physical Education
- Science and Reading Weeks