

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Course Goals

- Bible:** The purpose of this course is to present Bible truths through telling the stories of the Old and New Testament in a clear, concise and age appropriate format. Students will begin to problem-solve in their own lives by following the examples of the faithful men and women in the Bible. In the stories of the Patriarchs, students will see God's protection and provision and that He keeps his promises. The New Testament stories reveal Jesus Christ as our perfect sacrifice because he was not only a sinless man but the omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent God, who seeks to establish a lifelong relationship with those who choose to accept Him.
- Social Studies:** This first grade Social Studies course will encourage students to learn more about America: it's flags, it's freedoms, it's patriotic holidays. Students will learn principles that have made our country great and it will encourage them to love their country and be good citizens. They will learn about people who have lived and died to make America great. A knowledge of basic geography is included to help students understand the facts and locations of historical events studied. Students will study a number of specific countries and their individual distinctives.
- Language Arts:** One of the primary goals in first grade is for students to be able to read with proficiency. This goal will be accomplished with a phonics program that reviews vowels, consonants, blends, one- and two- vowel words, and consonant blends as well as teaches recognition and use of all phonics special sounds in reading. The same rules will be used to teach students to spell, increasing their ability and potential for written communication.
- Mathematics:** First grade Mathematics will teach fundamentals of math from a Biblical view. Students will develop reasoning and problem solving skills. The focus will be on building a strong mathematical foundation to prepare them for future mathematics study.
- Science:** First graders are naturally inquisitive about the marvelous creation that surrounds them. It is our goal to simulate their interest in science and nature by sharing our discoveries and observations about plants, insects, rocks, animals and other wonders of God's creation.
- Computer:** Computer lab lessons are designed to teach students about the use of technology. Students will use a variety of applications throughout the year. Applications and topics of study include: *Microsoft Word*, *Microsoft Power Point*, *Microsoft Excel*, *Paint*, *Computer Awareness*, *Internet Safety and Searches*, *Keyboarding*, and *Kid Pix*. In order to create the most effective learning environment for the students, lessons are integrated with classroom units to enhance learning in the core subject areas as well.
- Music:** In 1<sup>st</sup> grade Music, students will learn to praise God through music and appreciate and have fun with music. Students will also memorize Bible verses through songs, reinforce simple math concepts, develop coordination through music and movement, learn Bible principles through song, and reinforce Bible stories through song. Students will also be given the opportunity to participate in school wide programs.
- Physical Education:** In Physical education, students acquire the knowledge and skills for movement that provide the foundation for enjoyment, continued social development through physical activity, and access to a physically-active lifestyle. In grades K-2, children learn fundamental movement skills and begin to understand how the muscles, bones, heart and lungs function in relation to physical activity. Students are engaged in activities that develop basic levels of strength, endurance, and flexibility. In addition, students learn to work safely in group and individual movement settings.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Curriculum

### **Language Arts (A Beka):**

#### **Phonics and Reading**

Review of vowels, consonants, blends, one- and two-vowel words, consonant blends  
Recognition and use of all phonics special sounds in reading  
Spelling rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent e, changing y to i  
Oral reading

#### **Writing**

Review of letter formation  
Daily seatwork practice in all academic areas

#### **Spelling and Poetry**

Weekly phonics-based word list  
Reinforcement activities

#### **Language**

Capitalization of first word in a sentence, proper names, days of the week, and months of the year  
Correct punctuation at the ends of sentences  
Recognition of complete sentences  
Words using suffixes, prefixes, syllables, compound words, rhyming words, opposite words, same meaning words, and contractions  
Alphabetizing of words  
Writing complete sentences and short stories  
Creative writing

### **Social Studies (A Beka):**

#### *This Is My America*

My America's Flag  
My America's Freedoms  
Symbols of My America  
Great People of America

#### *This Is My World*

Mexico, Peru, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Bahamas, England, the Netherlands, Norway, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Israel, Egypt, Kenya, India, China, Australia, Guam, American Samoa  
My America Grows  
My America Talks  
My America Travels  
My America Is Beautiful  
My America Sings

BJUP – Bob Jones University Press

ACSI – Association of Christian Schools International

### **Science (ACSI):**

#### *Life Science-Animals*

Mammals, fish, birds, insects

#### *Physical Science*

Movement, machines

#### *Life Science-Human Body*

Teeth, bones and muscles, heart and blood, lungs and air, stomach and food

#### *Earth and Space Science*

Seasons, space

### **Math (A Beka):**

Number recognition, counting, and writing  
1–1,000

Greatest and least

Counting and writing by tens, fives, twos, and threes

Number sequences

Ordinal numbers

Addition facts through 13 and three-digit addition with carrying

Subtraction facts through 13 and two-digit subtraction

Story problems

Numbers before and after by ones, twos, tens

Between numbers

Counting and combining coins

Telling time to the nearest five minutes

Recognizing odd and even numbers

English and some metric measures

Place value in ones, tens, and hundreds

Unit fractions

Reading a thermometer

Using a ruler

Multiple combinations

Concept of multiplication

Calendars

Reading pictographs and bar graphs

Developing listening skills

Roman numerals

### **Bible (A Beka):**

Lessons such as Salvation Series, Genesis, Life of Christ, Paul (includes memory verses and Bible doctrine)