

1st Grade Course Goals

- Bible:** First Grade Bible focuses on the foundational teachings from the Bible about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early Church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him.
- Social Studies:** First Grade Social Studies focuses on developing a Christian worldview of the family, community, America, and the world. This course integrates civics, culture, economics, geography, and history. Beginning with the framework of God's redemptive plan, this course includes an age-appropriate study of civics and government and then covers United States history from Native Americans to the Plymouth Colony. Students will contrast the past and present, noting changes that have taken place in the way we live.
- 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*, computer awareness, internet safety and searches, keyboarding and *Kid Pix*. In order to create the most effective learning environment for the students, lessons and online games are integrated with classroom units to enhance learning in the core subject areas.
- Music:** Students will learn to praise God through music. Students will memorize Bible Verses, learn simple math concepts, develop coordination through music and movement, and learn Bible principles. Students will learn age appropriate music theory and be given opportunities to play classroom instruments. Students will complete non-graded music worksheets in order for the teacher to check for understanding. Students are required 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.

1st Grade Curriculum

Language Arts (BJUP, 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 (BJUP):

Geography

- Beginning map skills
- Tracing routes
- Simple mapmaking
- Reading map symbols

World History

- Missions
- Explorers

American History

- Native Americans
- Columbus and the New World
- Settlements: Jamestown and Plymouth

Government

- Community, state, and national leaders
- The United States capital
- National symbols and monuments

Economics

- Needs and wants

Science (ACSI):

Life Science-Animals

Mammals, fish, birds, insects

Earth and Space Science

Seasons, space

Math (BJUP):

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 (ACSI):

Creation

Cain and Abel

Noah

Abraham and Isaac

Jacob and Esau

Joseph

Moses

The Ten Commandments

Joshua and Caleb

Gideon

Ruth

The Psalms

Elijah

Josiah

The Boyhood of Jesus

God's Written Word



Isaiah 40:31 eagle-heights.org

- Trading with the Indians
- Goods and services

Culture

- Biblical worldview
- Changes in technology and transportation
- Families and family trees
- Diverse Native American cultures

Social Studies Skills

- Primary sources
- Timeline
- Compare and contrast, main idea, classification, sequencing,
- Graphic organizers, charts, graphs, diagrams

BJUP – Bob Jones University Press

ACSI – Association of Christian Schools International

- Following Jesus
- Loving Others
- Sharing
- Caring for Others
- Being Thankful
- Giving
- Trusting God
- Believing God
- Accepting Forgiveness
- Being a Leader
- Witnessing to Others
- Pleasing God
- Serving God and Others
- Knowing God