



First Grade Curriculum

MCS First Grade is a full day program that meets all California state standards.

BIBLE: *(ACSI/Purposeful Design Publications)* Our program develops spiritual growth in children through the study of Bible stories and memorization of Bible verses. The Bible is presented as the story of God's acts and words, written so that his people might know God and themselves, accept his gift of salvation, and live lives of joyful service and obedience. The Bible is taught as the divinely inspired and infallible Word of God. The students are immersed in the stories and other writing in the Bible so that they may grow in knowledge, wisdom, sensitivity, and creativity.

CHAPEL: *First Graders attend a weekly chapel with lessons developed specifically for their age.*

READING: *(Houghton Mifflin)* Houghton Mifflin is an integrated Language Arts program encompassing reading, writing, language, and spelling. We learn beginning, medial, and ending sounds and blends. The curriculum introduces beginning parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective). It also emphasizes work on plurals, tense, contractions, possessives, and development of high frequency vocabulary recognition. The curriculum also includes a comprehensive collection of literature and resources to meet the independent reading needs of all students.

LANGUAGE ARTS: *(Houghton Mifflin)* MCS First Graders develop communication skills such as expressing ideas clearly, summarizing a story, building vocabulary, and are exposed to age appropriate literature and poetry. The curriculum introduces children to expository writing. The students learn to brainstorm, organize, and create a story with a topic sentence, main idea, and details. All writing is done in the Zaner Blosser style.

MATH: *(Arithmetic 1 by A Beka Book)* First Graders learn addition and subtraction fact families through 20. We also work on time, measurement, money, place value, fractions, and adding and subtracting two digit numbers. Problem solving skills are developed through daily word problems, estimation, and graphing.

SCIENCE: *(Scott Foresman)* First graders explore units on physical, life, and earth science and the

human body.

SOCIAL STUDIES: *(Bob Jones Heritage Studies 1) Thematic units are used to teach about continents and oceans, life in early America, our families, map skills, and God.*

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS:

- *Weekly instruction in Physical Education*
- *Weekly instruction in the computer lab*
- *Weekly visits to the school library*
- *Weekly instruction in music and music theory*

Our program includes performance opportunities with Christmas and Grandparent's Day presentations.

FIELD TRIPS: *Resendiz Fruit Barn / "The Nutcracker" / Stockton Children's Museum / A Grocery Store*

Extended Day Care: *Before and after school care is available.*