

A Peek Into the Curriculum
Holy Trinity Lutheran School
First Grade

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First grade is a time to begin building the foundation for future education. Strong language arts and math skills are obtained during this time. Students are given opportunities to explore these skills through hands on learning, activity sheets, workbooks and the use of technology to optimize student progress.

Religion-The religion curriculum focuses on the physical, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual development of first graders through bible stories and character traits relatable to the lives of first grade students.

Reading-Through the use of the *Scott Foresman Reading Street* curriculum phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension are all addressed through a series of stories, leveled readers, songs, literacy centers and various activities completed by the students.

English/Language Arts- The English and Language Arts curriculum is directly linked to the reading curriculum to make it all inclusive. Students will learn sentence structure, noun, verb, adjective, and pronoun use, as well as how to write creatively through daily writing prompts.

Arithmetic- The *A beka* Arithmetic series guides students to the understanding of topics such as counting, reading and writing numbers, place value, addition and subtraction, problem solving, counting money, telling time, using a ruler, reading temperature, reading graphs, fractions and multiplication.

Science- The Christian based curriculum provided by BJU Press offers help in understanding topics such as the five senses, weather, seasons, health and safety, tame animals, wild animals, matter, sound, sun, moon, and stars, plants, and pushes and pulls. The textbook provides activity pages and experiments to guide learning. Videos and internet resources are also used to help students learn.

Social Studies- The social Studies curriculum is a weekly magazine that includes topics such as location and distance, rules and responsibility, time, history, transportation, maps, Earth, American monuments, Presidents, communities and economics. Supplemental activities are used as well as videos from the internet.

Spelling- Scott Foresman also provides the spelling and vocabulary curriculum within the series. Word families and spelling patterns help the students learn the concepts of spelling while learning new vocabulary in the process.

Art, Music, P.E., Spanish, Library- Students visit these enrichment classes 1-2 times weekly. The students are able to see cultural differences, express their creativity, apply kinesthetic abilities and learn more about authors and types of literature.