

OUR LADY OF PEACE FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM

Religion

First grade students will learn through Scripture, stories, activities, prayer, discussion, and reflection about their Catholic faith. Catholic values are discussed and integrated in all subject areas. The classroom focus is on:

- Traditional prayers
- Creation
- Holy Trinity
- Celebrating liturgy
- Liturgical seasons
- Lives of the saints

Our religion text is *Blest Are We* published by RCL Benziger

Language Arts/Reading

The Language Arts Program based on the Common Core State Standards includes reading, writing, speaking, listening, and the study of literature. The components of the program emphasize the development of those skills that allow the students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, communicate well and listen and speak effectively. The skills acquired and understood are applied and reinforced in all areas. First grade students use the text *Reading Street Common Core* published by Scott Foresman.

Reading/Literature

Our students will experience literature in the form of poetry, folktales, nonfiction, fiction, fantasies and plays. Reading comprehension and fluency will develop and improve as students are presented with the following skills:

- Linking spoken and written language
- Using word identification strategies
- Developing vocabulary
- Using structural analysis
- Comprehending the main idea
- Sequencing events and analyzing details
- Using context clues
- Distinguishing fact and fantasy
- Making predictions
- Using glossary and dictionary

Writing

First grade students will use writing to convey meaning. Students will:

- Write simple sentences
- Apply spelling knowledge developed through a variety of spelling and phonetic patterns
- Apply grammar mechanics: capitalization, complete sentences and basic punctuation

Listening/Speaking

First grade students will listen for understanding and respond appropriately to the speaker. Students will use acquired language and vocabulary to express opinions. They will:

- Present material orally

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- Participate in discussions
- Read, analyze and retell stories

Mathematics

Our students acquire a working knowledge of mathematics and the ability to apply math skills to solve problems through the use of the text *My Math* published by McGraw Hill incorporating the Common Core State Standards. Through both hands-on experiences and extended activities students will:

- Identify, write and order numbers 0-100
- Use grouping and regrouping
- Add and subtract through 20
- Solve simple word problems
- Chart, compare and graph data
- Measure length and width
- Use a calendar, tell time and identify money values
- Identify patterns and geometric shapes
- Use manipulatives to solve unknowns
- Use written word to explain mathematical actions

Science

OLP's first grade students use concrete, hands-on experiences to understand science in the physical and natural world around them. They learn through observing, predicting, questioning and explaining. Students study:

- Plant, animal and human growth
- Habitats
- Properties of matter
- Weather patterns of change of sun, moon and earth
- Seasons

Social Studies

Our first-grade students will develop an awareness of people and the world around them. The focus will be on:

- Families
- Homes and neighborhoods
- Working together
- Meeting needs through goods and services
- Famous people and events in history
- Celebrations

Homework is given as needed for practice and reinforcement as well as for the completion of special projects.