



1st Grade Curriculum

Bible: We will be using Enjoying God's Gifts by Positive Action Publishing. The Primary goal throughout this Bible curriculum is to make the Word of God more meaningful to the lives of 1st grade students. In addition, we will memorize scripture and study God's word with *My First Study Bible*.

Of course, God's word will be integrated into **ALL** the subjects we are studying.

Reading: We will read stories from the First Grade Macmillan/McGraw Hill series. This will tie in with phonics, grammar, and spelling words. We will also read several Chapter books. Vocabulary and comprehension are incorporated into each story or chapter. It will be important to your child's success in reading that you encourage daily reading at home. Model this and make it a family time. Let's make reading a celebration!

Phonics: In addition to the McMillan/McGraw Hill materials, I will also supplement with Modern Curriculum Press, Explode the Code, Open Court, a tiny splash of Spaulding and Mrs. Nelson's own special "bag of tricks." J



Math: We will be using Saxon Math, Making Math Meaningful and Math-U-See curriculum. Your child will participate and learn through hands-on experiences, discussion, and exploration. The new learning will be reinforced through carefully considered practice. A new concept is presented through discussion and an activity. Number facts are introduced using fact cards and fact sheets.

I will enhance our math program with a variety of other activities as well.

Grammar/Writing: We will be using Macmillan/McGraw Hill and Shurley English. These programs enrich reading skills and teach grammar across all curriculums. This will greatly enable the students to be better writers. We will use journaling, practical writing exercises, and thematic projects to incorporate grammar and writing.

Spelling: Macmillan/McGraw Hill and Rebecca Sitton Spelling will be used to reinforce the spelling of words that follow certain phonetic patterns we are learning. New words will be introduced on Monday and tested on Friday within that week, unless it is a short week, then a spelling unit may run 2 weeks.

Science/History/Social Studies: Each of these will be taught as thematic units integrated into Math and Reading.

Handwriting: The students will use the Modern D'Nealian style of printing. This will help us make the transition into cursive in the third grade. It's always important to stress neatness and quality in all subjects that require handwriting.