

FIRST GRADE CLASS OVERVIEW

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, class size maximum is currently 14 students. We have invested in what we consider to be the best, most effective curriculum available that is consistent with our philosophy of education that is also either biblically-based or does not conflict with our biblical values. All curriculum is proven, highly effective, provides a multi-sensory learning approach, and is engaging.

Bible:

ACSI's (Association of Christian Schools Int'l) theme is familiar Bible characters and events that illustrate God's gifts, such as family, leaders, helpers, His Word, His Son, and His Church. Strong emphasis is placed on the application of biblical truths to the daily lives of first grade students. There are cross-curricular connections with other academic subjects and music and memory verses are integrated into lessons. Each student has a workbook that includes daily real-life applications and engaging activities.



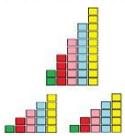
Language Arts:

Foundations, by Wilson Language, is a recognized leader in multisensory, structured language programs. It brings more than a decade of research-based materials and strategies essential for a comprehensive reading, spelling, and handwriting program. It develops foundational skills in phonemic awareness, phonics and word studies, high frequency word study, reading fluency, comprehension strategies as well as handwriting and spelling. Students are placed in readers based on their reading level. Wilson Foundations makes learning to read fun and ensures no student "falls through the cracks".



Math:

ACSI's (Association of Christian Schools Int'l) curriculum incorporates rigorous standards and benchmarks for math literacy and learning, including those of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. It uses a variety of manipulatives, investigation, and modeling to produce students who understand the concepts and can think mathematically. There is an emphasis on a STEM interdisciplinary approach, which integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in hands-on and relevant learning opportunities. It also integrates an authentic biblical Christian worldview perspective of mathematics. First-grade focuses on patterns and place value, addition and subtraction, basic geometry, measurement, time and money, fractions, multi-digit numbers, graphs and maps.



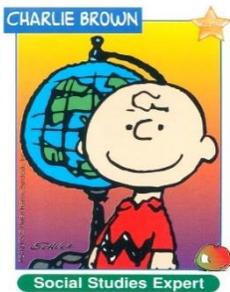
Science:

ACSI's (Association of Christian Schools Int'l) science program reflects the requirements set forth by the National Science Education Standards, as well as portions of the Next Generation Science Standards where they best fit. It allows students to experience science from a biblical worldview through engaging, inquiry-based instruction that develops critical thinking skills. Lessons offer many hands-on activities engaging students in discovery, exploration, and investigation of God's purposefully designed world. Science equipment kits are also purchased along with full-color and engaging student books to provide a well-rounded and rich experience. First grade materials focus on the basics of life, physical, and earth science, an introduction to space science, and the human body.



Social Studies:

Bob Jones University Press' Heritage Studies textbooks use a chronological narrative approach to acquaint elementary-level students with historical people, places, and events. Activities, discussion questions, timelines, maps, and online searches are also employed to aid students' comprehension and retention of the materials. First-grade introduces students to social studies skills with a grade-appropriate yet academically rigorous program. Each of the six units introduces



a different field of social studies, giving students a broad foundation for future grades. The materials include hands-on activities, colorful visuals, and age-appropriate text. As students look at their roles as family and community members, they are encouraged to see themselves from God's perspective. They also learn about geography, weather, American History, government, economics, culture, as well as a variety of other Social Studies skills.

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