



What Your Child Will Learn In First Grade

Here is just a sample of the *Curriculum Specific to First Grade* at Crestview Academy.

For the complete listing of the curriculum please call the school at 715-835-2275.

Literature/Language Arts:

Poetry:

- “My Shadow” by Robert Louis Stevenson
- “The Pasture” by Robert Frost
- Solomon Grundy (traditional)

Stories:

- Hansel and Gretel
- The Princess and the Pea
- Tales of Br'er Rabbit
- The Pied Piper of Hamelin
- Rapunzel
- Rumpelstilskin
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit (by Beatrix Potter)

Sayings and Phrases:

- An apple a day
- Practice makes perfect
- Sour grapes
- Hit the nail on the head

Science:

- ❖ Habitats, the Food Chain, oceans and undersea life, animal classification
- ❖ The Human Body, identifying systems (skeletal, muscular, digestive, circulatory and the nervous system)
- ❖ Matter – basic concept of atoms, solid, liquid and gas, water as changing matter
- ❖ Measurement of Matter - sort by physical properties, units of measurement, Fahrenheit
- ❖ Electricity – static, basic electric circuits, conductive/nonconductive, safety rules of electricity
- ❖ Astronomy – the sun, moon, nine planets, stars, Earth and its place in the solar system
- ❖ The Earth – North and South Poles, inside the Earth, rocks and minerals
- ❖ Science Biographies – Thomas Edison and Ben Franklin

World Civilization and Geography:

- ❖ Spatial Sense – map keys, finding directions, major oceans, seven continents
- ❖ Early Africa – Sahara, Nile, Mesopotamia, Egypt
- ❖ Mexico – Yucatan Peninsula, Rio Grande, Gulf of Mexico, Sierra Madre, Mexico City
- ❖ Early Civilizations – Early Africa, Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt and Pyramids
- ❖ Modern Civilization – culture of Mexico, Indian and Spanish culture, Mexico City, fiestas, piñata
- ❖ The Conquistadors – Cortes and Pizzaro

American Civilization and Geography:

- ❖ Early People – the land bridge from Asia to North America
- ❖ Early People and Civilization – hunters and nomads, Mayas, Incas and Aztecs
- ❖ Early Exploration and Settlement – English Settlers – The Lost Colony, Sir Walter Raleigh, and Virginia Dare
- ❖ Virginia – Jamestown, John Smith, Slavery, Pocahontas
- ❖ Massachusetts – Pilgrims, Mayflower, Thanksgiving, The Puritans
- ❖ From Colonies to Independence - locate the 13 colonies, meaning of democracy, The American Revolution – Paul Revere, Boston Tea Party, Declaration of Independence
- ❖ Early Exploration of the American West – Daniel Boone, The Louisiana Purchase
- ❖ Communities – neighborhoods, people, rules and responsibilities
- ❖ Symbols and Figures – Liberty Bell, American Flag and the Eagle

Visual Arts:

- ❖ Art of Early Times – cave paintings, ancient Egypt, the Sphinx, King Tut, Queen Nefertiti
- ❖ Elements of Art – Primary colors, kinds of lines, basic shapes, tactile/visual texture

Selected Works:

- Monet *Tulips in Holland*
- Matisse *The Swan*
- Whistler *Whistler's Mother*
- O'Keefe *Shell*
- Degas *Little 14 Year Old Dancer*
- DaVinci *Mona Lisa*
- Van Gogh *Portrait of an Artist*
- Norman Rockwell *Triple Self-Portrait*

Music:

- ❖ Musical Expression – rhythm, melody, quarter notes, eighth notes, quarter rest
- ❖ Appreciation – orchestras, classical music, ballet, jazz, Bach, Mozart, Grieg, Dukas, Joplin
- ❖ Songs – America, Down in the Valley, On Top of Old Smokey, Take Me Out To The Ballgame, When The Saints Go Marching In

Physical Education:

- ❖ Sportsmanship
- ❖ Fitness
- ❖ Teams
- ❖ Nutrition
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Basic rules and skills of volleyball, dance, basketball, gymnastics, softball, track and field

Virtues Program:

- ❖ Virtues such as respect, diligence, responsibility, forgiveness, kindness, humility will be taught
- ❖ Stories such as The Town Mouse and Country Mouse, The Tale of Two Bad Mice and Johnny Appleseed

Library Skills:

- ❖ ABC order
- ❖ Author/illustrator
- ❖ Table of Contents
- ❖ Fiction/non-fiction

Basic Christian Principles:

- ❖ Major people and events of the Bible will be introduced.
- ❖ Key points about these people and events will be emphasized.