

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Course Goals

- Bible:** First Grade Bible focuses on the foundational teachings from the Bible about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early Church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him.
- Social Studies:** First Grade Social Studies focuses on developing a Christian worldview of the family, community, America, and the world. This course integrates civics, culture, economics, geography, and history. Beginning with the framework of God's redemptive plan, this course includes an age-appropriate study of civics and government and then covers United States history from Native Americans to the Plymouth Colony. Students will contrast the past and present, noting changes that have taken place in the way we live.
- Language Arts:** One of the primary goals in first grade is for students to be able to read with proficiency. This goal will be accomplished with a phonics program that reviews vowels, consonants, blends, one- and two- vowel words, and consonant blends as well as teaches recognition and use of all phonics special sounds in reading. The same rules will be used to teach students to spell, increasing their ability and potential for written communication.
- Mathematics:** First grade Mathematics will teach fundamentals of math from a Biblical view. Students will develop reasoning and problem-solving skills. The focus will be on building a strong mathematical foundation to prepare them for future mathematics study.
- Science:** First graders are naturally inquisitive about the marvelous creation that surrounds them. It is our goal to simulate their interest in science and nature by sharing our discoveries and observations about plants, insects, rocks, animals and other wonders of God's creation.
- Computer:** Computer lab lessons are designed to teach students about the use of technology. Students will use a variety of applications throughout the year. Applications and topics of study include: *Microsoft Word*, computer awareness, internet safety and searches, keyboarding and *Kid Pix*. In order to create the most effective learning environment for the students, lessons and online games are integrated with classroom units to enhance learning in the core subject areas.
- Music:** Students will learn to praise God through music. Students will memorize Bible Verses, learn simple math concepts, develop coordination through music and movement, and learn Bible principles. Students will learn age appropriate music theory and be given opportunities to play classroom instruments. Students will complete non-graded music worksheets in order for the teacher to check for understanding. Students are required to participate in school wide programs.
- Physical Education:** In Physical education, students acquire the knowledge and skills for movement that provide the foundation for enjoyment, continued social development through physical activity, and access to a physically-active lifestyle. In grades K-2, children learn fundamental movement skills and begin to understand how the muscles, bones, heart and lungs function in relation to physical activity. Students are engaged in activities that develop basic levels of strength, endurance, and flexibility. In addition, students learn to work safely in group and individual movement settings.
- Spanish:** Students will learn the Spanish language via repetition. Each week, lessons will include Greeting and Roll Call, Circle Time, Story Time, Art Time, and Good-bye. Circle Time consists of singing songs with motions, to learn conversational Spanish. Story Time will allow students to connect to authentic Spanish.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Curriculum

### Language Arts (BJUP, A Beka):

#### Phonics and Reading

Review of vowels, consonants, blends, one- and two-vowel words, consonant blends  
Recognition and use of all phonics special sounds in reading  
Spelling rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent e, changing y to i  
Oral reading

#### Writing

Review of letter formation  
Daily seatwork practice in all academic areas

#### Spelling and Poetry

Weekly phonics-based word list  
Reinforcement activities

#### Language

Capitalization of first word in a sentence, proper names, days of the week, and months of the year  
Correct punctuation at the ends of sentences  
Recognition of complete sentences  
Words using suffixes, prefixes, syllables, compound words, rhyming words, opposite words, same meaning words, and contractions  
Alphabetizing of words  
Writing complete sentences and short stories  
Creative writing

### Social Studies (BJUP):

#### Geography

- Beginning map skills
- Tracing routes
- Simple mapmaking
- Reading map symbols

#### World History

- Missions
- Explorers

#### American History

- Native Americans
- Columbus and the New World
- Settlements: Jamestown and Plymouth

#### Government

- Community, state, and national leaders
- The United States capital
- National symbols and monuments

#### Economics

- Needs and wants

### Science (ACSI):

#### Life Science-Animals

Mammals, fish, birds, insects  
*Earth and Space Science*  
Seasons, space

### Math (BJUP):

Number recognition, counting, and writing 1–1,000  
Greatest and least  
Counting and writing by tens, fives, twos, and threes  
Number sequences  
Ordinal numbers  
Addition facts through 13 and three-digit addition with carrying  
Subtraction facts through 13 and two-digit subtraction  
Story problems  
Numbers before and after by ones, twos, tens  
Between numbers  
Counting and combining coins  
Telling time to the nearest five minutes  
Recognizing odd and even numbers  
English and some metric measures  
Place value in ones, tens, and hundreds  
Unit fractions  
Reading a thermometer  
Using a ruler  
Multiple combinations  
Concept of multiplication  
Calendars  
Reading pictographs and bar graphs  
Developing listening skills  
Roman numerals

### Bible (ACSI):

Creation  
Cain and Abel  
Noah  
Abraham and Isaac  
Jacob and Esau  
Joseph  
Moses  
The Ten Commandments  
Joshua and Caleb  
Gideon  
Ruth  
The Psalms  
Elijah  
Josiah  
The Boyhood of Jesus  
God's Written Word



Isaiah 40:31 [eagle-heights.org](http://eagle-heights.org)

- Trading with the Indians
- Goods and services

#### **Culture**

- Biblical worldview
- Changes in technology and transportation
- Families and family trees
- Diverse Native American cultures

#### **Social Studies Skills**

- Primary sources
- Timeline
- Compare and contrast, main idea, classification, sequencing,
- Graphic organizers, charts, graphs, diagrams

#### **Spanish (Sonrisas Spanish):**

Conversational Spanish via songs  
Basic vocabulary and phrases  
Children's Spanish literature

Following Jesus  
Loving Others  
Sharing  
Caring for Others  
Being Thankful  
Giving  
Trusting God  
Believing God  
Accepting Forgiveness  
Being a Leader  
Witnessing to Others  
Pleasing God  
Serving God and Others  
Knowing God

BJUP – Bob Jones University Press  
ACSI – Association of Christian Schools International