

FIRST GRADE

CULTIVATING WISDOM, VIRTUE AND GODLINESS

THE TRIVIUM

The three parts of the Trivium are:

Grammar – memorizing the basic facts of a subject

Logic – understanding the relationship of those facts to each other

Rhetoric – knowing how to effectively communicate this knowledge

CURRICULUM

The curriculum during the elementary years works to apply the Trivium of grammar, logic and rhetoric in age-appropriate ways. Our elementary curriculum concentrates on the development of memory and language skills while teaching all subjects. Students in the elementary grades study English, Latin, the Bible, history/geography, science, mathematics, and literature.

All students also participate in classes in art, music and P.E. throughout their elementary years. We consider these areas of study as critical to the development of the whole person.



WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!

Students in first grade will have an all-day elementary school experience. Building on the skills in Kindergarten, they learn about weather, famous Americans, addition and subtraction, owls, and trees.

Students also have music, art and P.E. classes each week. Some highlights of the year are a live owl visit in class and trips to a local apple orchard and the Evergreen Space Museum.



Heather Olander
First Grade



Todd Harris
Head of Lower School



Marj Hegeman
Music



Jeana Linhart
Art



Desiree Leahy
K-2nd PE, Elementary Aide



Luba Lee
Elementary Aide

ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

8:30

School begins

10:00-10:15

Recess

11:45-12:30

Lunch & Recess

1:35-2:00

Recess

2:45

School Ends

Each week, elementary students will also participate in:

P.E. Classes— 30 minutes, twice weekly

Music Classes— 30 minutes, twice weekly

Art Class— 1 hour, once a week

Elementary Assemblies take place throughout the year on Fridays at 8:30 am.

FIRST GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

READING: learn all 70 phonograms. Introduction to parts of speech

MATH: addition & subtraction

SCIENCE: trees, frogs, bears, owls and weather

HISTORY: famous places in the United States and famous Americans who made significant contributions to our nation

BIBLE: major stories of the New Testament

FIELD TRIPS: Apple Orchard, Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, Jackson Bottom Wetlands, theater

ART: Kindergarten through 4th grade students learn basic art techniques, vocabulary, and color theory. They receive a simple introduction to numerous master artists and their works. With an emphasis on the elements of art and the principals of design, they learn to draw, paint, sculpt, and do printmaking using a variety of media. We add more complex techniques and uses of media each year.

MUSIC: Students have music classes twice a week, where they learn various rhythmic elements, Sol-fa, major and minor scales, chords and more. All students perform with their class at our Christmas and Spring concerts.

PE: The goal of K-6th grade PE is to impart the importance of maintaining a healthy body for the glory of God and developing a desire for lifelong fitness. Each class emphasizes respecting differing abilities, showing kindness to others, and trying one's best rather than striving to be the best. Monthly PE units include soccer, baseball, jump rope, volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, floor hockey, juggling, and stacking cups.

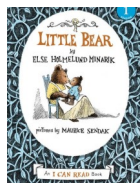
EXTRACURRICULARS: Students can participate in Garden Club, After-School Art, Guitar Lessons, Chess Club and more

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parents have the opportunity to sit down with their student's teachers in November and February.

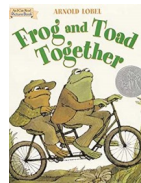
FIRST GRADE LITERATURE READING LIST



Blueberries
For Sal
Robert McCloskey



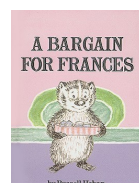
Little Bear
Else Holmelund
Minarik



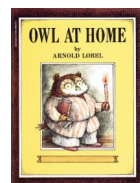
Frog and Toad
Together
Arnold Lobel



The Magic Fish
Freya Littledale



A Bargain For
Frances
Russell Hoban



Owl at Home
Arnold Lobel