

Special Opportunities

We believe children learn best as they experience the world around them through the arts. Your first grader will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of arts infused activities. Some of the activities the children will participate in are:

Stages Theatre

Smorgasbord of Nations

Historic Stork House

Spotlight on the Arts

Dress-Up Book Reports

Bird Fair

Artist in Residence: Elizabeth Rick
"Life Cycle of the Butterfly"

First Graders will work with specialists in the areas of: physical education, music, visual arts and drama.

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First Grade Class Curriculum

Curriculum Areas

- Identify and write letters, words and sentences
- Blend beginning, middle and ending sounds to read unfamiliar words
- Identify and create rhyming words
- Identify and read high frequency and phonetic words
- Use context clues to predict and infer word meaning
- Use naming words and action words
- Identify story structure elements such as characters, main idea, settings and problem
- Note details in story
- Alphabetize to the first letter
- Identify the beginning, middle and end of a story
- Compare and contrast stories
- Identify story elements
- Comprehend reading material at grade level
- Communicate ideas in complete sentences
- Retell, dramatize or dictate a story
- Explain the difference between fantasy and reality
- Perform an oral book report
- Understand plurals

Writing Skills

- Write complete sentences
- Print daily work legibly
- Use descriptive language
- Express thoughts in written form

Mathematics

- Count money
- Add/Subtract facts to 12
- Rote counting to 120
- Identify and writing numbers to 120
- Tell time to the hour and half hour
- Understand place value of: ones, tens and hundreds
- Count in multiples of 5 and 10 to 100
- Identify days of the week, months of the year and number words
- Make and read a simple graph
- Organize data using tally marks

Science

- Rocks and Minerals
- Animal Life Cycles: Birds, Insects, Butterflies and Polar Animals
- Plan Life Cycles: Apple Trees
- Scientific Method

Social Studies

- Communities: Home, school and citizenship
- Map Skills: Interpret and understand
- Landforms: Identify differences between landforms
- Demonstrate concepts of: goods and services; producers and consumers; wants and needs
- Distinguish between past, present and future
- Diverse Cultures: Study Native Americans and Holidays Around the World
- U.S. History: Recognize people and contributions

NWEA MAP Testing

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