

Welcome to WCCA's First Grade!

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Our Overall Goal -

First grade marks an important milestone as students finally feel like part of a “big” school and begin to feel more independent. Their social skills are maturing and academic concepts “click” as they’re able to grasp reading and abstract mathematical principles.

In keeping with WCCA’s goal of “educating the whole child,” we strive to provide a well-rounded and systematic first-grade program.

Specifically, our goal is to never lose sight of the individuality of each child and yet to keep the class as a whole motivated and academically challenged throughout the year.

Curriculum Basics

We feel there is no more thrilling and inspiring reading than what is found in the Bible! Every effort is made to make it “come alive” for our first graders. Our ACSI **Bible** curriculum is centered on daily Bible stories and practical applications of biblical concepts. Weekly chapels and Bible memorization enhance our students’ study of God’s word.

Imagine It!, WCCA’s comprehensive **Reading and Language Arts** curriculum from SRA/McGraw-Hill, represents a substantial investment in providing the best for our students. This proven, research-based curriculum integrates spelling, grammar, reading, and writing into one cohesive program, with a strong emphasis on phonemic awareness, intentional phonics instruction, fluency, vocabulary, text comprehension, and writing strategies. Designed to meet the needs of students of varying abilities, the program engages all learners with high-interest literature, hands-on activities, cross-curricular connections, and critical thinking skills.

Through our A Beka **Math** curriculum, we lead and encourage the children to realize that the universe has law and order as we discover and explore numbers, time, matter, and space. Students are led to an understanding of number concepts and sets, preceding and following numbers, place values, graphing, money and time, concepts of measurement, fractions and geometry, problem solving, addition and subtraction, simple division, and multiplication. In addition, first graders enjoy math learning centers that include Marcy Cook and Saxon math materials.

The ACSI **Science** curriculum teaches God’s purpose in the special design of His creation. Students investigate and explore physical, life, and earth

sciences through a variety of hands-on activities.

God created man to be a social being and desired for him to live peaceably with others. Our general **Social Studies** objectives are guided by the A Beka curriculum and include learning about God’s plan for families and the student’s responsibility within the home, appreciating community helpers, developing map skills, and broadening horizons through the study of presidents, our country, and special historical events.

The development of one’s whole self must include physical activity, creativity, and musical understanding and expression. Therefore, rounding out our core curriculum, first graders receive weekly, age-appropriate instruction in **physical education, art, and music**. Our music program includes opportunities for students to perform in an annual Christmas chapel and spring concert.

Basic **library** skills are also taught, including an introduction to alphabetical order and library organization, in our library. In addition, first graders begin developing their **computer** skills in our computer lab by learning basic keyboarding functions and building upon classroom instruction through math and language software.

Peacemakers is a school-wide program designed to equip students with the social and biblical skills to appropriately handle conflict.

Finally, first graders enjoy at least three off-campus field trips to places such as Mrs. Grossman’s Sticker Factory, The Children’s Discovery Museum in San Jose, and a local theatre production.

WCCA Sample First Grade Schedule

Quote from Parent...

“Reading is so important in first grade and we appreciated how WCCA’s reading program was structured to allow our son to progress at his own pace. In addition, we were pleased with how the teacher kept us informed in all areas of his progress.”

*Dan and
Charlotte Diaz*

8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Daily

Opening Exercises
Bible
Language Arts/Reading
Math
One 15-Minute Recesses & Snack Time

11:15 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. Daily

Lunch
Recess
Story/Choice Time

12:35 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. Daily

Science or Social Studies
Physical Education (twice a week)
Workshop (Students work on special projects or conference with teacher.)
One 20-Minute Recess
Reading Groups Twice a Week

Once a Week

Chapel
Library
Music
Computer
Art

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