

## SCIENCE

Science is taught with an emphasis on understanding the world that God made in the context of life, physical, and earth science and health. Big books, activities, discovery, and class discussion are used. The students are taught to predict and think critically as they learn about each concept.



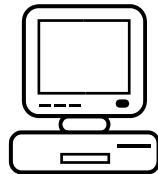
## SOCIAL STUDIES

First grade students are encouraged to think about their families, their community and the world around them. They learn about various careers, cultures, holidays, and people who have made a difference in our world. Learning cooperative skills, teamwork, and social skills are a part of becoming a successful citizen in our world. Students are introduced to the geography of our world through literature and map skills.



## COMPUTERS

First grade uses the computer lab to learn how to use graphics and text to produce a product. Keyboarding skills are encouraged. Students also use the computers to practice and strengthen First grade skills.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

First graders will work on such locomotor skills as running, skipping, hopping and jumping. They will learn to practice socially appropriate behavior while playing games with their classmates. They will understand the importance of exercising and keeping the body healthy.

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



## *Our Mission Statement:*

Trinity Lutheran School partners with students and families to live and mature in the Christian faith while providing educational excellence.

## RELIGION

Our classroom religion curriculum is drawn from the CPH *Voyages Exploring God's*



*Word* series. Students learn various Bible stories that emphasize God's unfolding plan of salvation through Jesus.

Old Testament stories tell about man's fall into sin and God's promise to send a Savior. The students then learn from the New Testament about the life of Jesus, our Savior, and the beginnings of the Christian church. Students daily have the opportunity for worship, singing, and prayer. They also lead one chapel service during the year. A planned memory program helps students learn Scripture verses and portions of the Catechism and songs.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

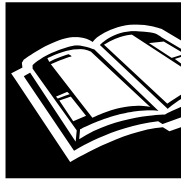
The Language Arts Block consists of reading, writing, speaking, grammar, spelling, and listening.

### Reading

First grade reading lays the groundwork for students to become successful and confident readers. The instruction is

balanced between phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, and comprehension. A variety of reading materials are

used to practice the phonics skills, reinforce the reading vocabulary, and provide interesting stories for the students. Students are encouraged to enjoy literature through teacher-led stories and poems, independent reading, and reading with the class and partners. Students are expected to complete a



reading calendar and book report as First Grade reading homework.

### Writing, Grammar, and Spelling

Students are writing everyday. This includes improving handwriting and writing for meaning. Correct grammar and interesting sentence structures are developed through journal writing, stories, letters, and book reports. Spelling patterns are emphasized to improve spelling skills. Students are encouraged to develop correct spelling in all daily work.



## MATH



Math instruction is based around monthly units, which include adding, subtracting, problem solving, geometry, money skills, telling time, measurement, and number

concepts. Adding and subtracting skills are taught through fact families. Many different kinds of manipulatives are used to experience hands-on learning about concepts. Homework assignments are given that provide the opportunity for family participation and support.

## MUSIC

In First grade, students will begin to understand important characteristics of music such as beat, volume, and speed. They will sing a variety of songs including hymns, fun songs, patriotic songs, holiday songs, and educational songs. They



are a part of a choir that sings in a Sunday worship service several times during the school year.

## ART

Students will learn the basic vocabulary and concepts of art. They will come to recognize God as the master artist, enjoy creating their own work, and appreciate the work of others.



Their artwork will reflect the use of paint, markers, crayons, drawing, patterns, and various types of paper and media. Field trips to Krasl Art Center will introduce the students to art techniques and art appreciation.

