

25-26 1st Grade Highlights

Mission Statement:

“Raising up families and followers of Jesus Christ.”

Religion:

- *Bible Replay* is a Christ-centered curriculum
- Lessons follow a chronological survey of the Bible where students are able to comprehend the big picture of God's plan of salvation
- Bible verses, songs, prayer, and memory work are integral parts of the study
- Students learn the key concepts of faith such as law and gospel, confession and repentance, forgiveness and grace
- *Friendzy* is Christ-centered character formation curriculum to help students become a good friend to everyone
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Reading:

- *Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Treasures* is a common core, state aligned curriculum
- Phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension development
- Students work cohesively in one group learning language skills
- Students are grouped according to their developmental reading level at times and in mixed groups at other times
- Story time, silent reading, reading teams, and reading buddies provide a rich environment full of opportunities for children to interact with the concepts and ideas in literature
- Daily oral language, journal writing, writer's workshop, and spelling provide supplemental learning experiences in grammar and writing development

UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) Phonics Program

- Students will develop awareness of the segments of sounds in speech and how they link to letters.
- Students will have phoneme blending and segmentation practice.
- Students will learn to encode and decode words, analyze word parts, and write and recognize words.
- Student will read a connected text to support reading accuracy, fluency, and comprehension.
- Students will learn to spell and read irregular words.
- Students learn the sound wall.
- Students learn to use Elkonin Sound Boxes.

*Supports developing readers, especially those who struggle with early literacy skills.

Math:

- *Pearson enVision Mathematics* is a common core, state aligned curriculum.
- Students develop an understanding of addition and subtraction strategies
- Whole number relationships and place value, including grouping tens and ones
- Students develop an understanding of linear measuring lengths, geometric shapes, time, graphing, fractions and algebraic operations

Science:

- *Little Science Thinkers* for first grade
- Each lesson offers hands-on investigations and experiments
- After the investigations and applications, the students read and observe what they have been investigating (example: raise butterflies while learning about life cycles)
- The curriculum combines life, earth, and physical sciences

Social Studies

- *Studies Weekly Magazine* is a common core state aligned curriculum
- Seven key concept areas taught are communities, civics and government, symbols and celebrations, geography, history, culture, and economics
- Students are tested on their knowledge at the end of each unit
- Students learn of needs and wants and participate in a school store
- Students learn of towns, cities and countries and participate in a community field trip

Experiences:

- Service projects
- Field day
- National Lutheran Schools Week
- Readers' Theatre
- School-wide Assemblies
- Cooking
- Celebrations: Thanksgiving feast, Christmas Celebration, Valentine party, St. Patrick's Day Fun, Pom-Pom Parties, Camp "End of the Year"
- Room Transformations: Factor Fun, Contraction Extraction, Camp Week
- Music and movement
- Computer instruction
- P.E. instruction
- Science fair/International fair/Art fair rotation
- Storytelling/drama
- Weekly chapel
- Field trips to complement units of study: Pumpkin Patch, Olympic Jr. Program, Woodland Park Zoo
- Speakers to enhance learning: Bee Keeper, Insect Scientist, Career Talks

Sample Daily Schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15-8:30	Unpack Get Ready	Unpack Get Ready	Unpack Get Ready	Unpack Get Ready	Unpack Get Ready
8:30-8:45	Welcome Work Announcements	Welcome Work Announcements	Welcome Work Announcements	Welcome Work Announcements	Welcome Work Announcements
8:45-9:10:15	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
10:15-10:30	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
10:30-10:45	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
10:45-11:45	Math, DMR, and Passport Practice	Math, DMR, and Passport Practice	Math, DMR, and Passport Practice	Math, DMR, and Passport Practice	Math, DMR, and Passport Practice
11:45-12:45	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:45-1:35	Specialist: PE	Specialist: Music	Specialist: Art	Specialist: Art	Specialist: PE
1:35-1:40	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
1:40-2:05	Novel Read and Class Meeting	Social Studies or Science	Social Studies or Science	Health and Specialist: Computers	Novel Read and Class Meeting
2:05-2:30	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
2:30-3:00	Jesus Time: Music	Jesus Time: Bible Replay	Chapel	Jesus Time: Friendly	Jesus Time: Write out New Verse
3:00-3:10	Pack up Dismissal	Pack up Dismissal	Pack up Dismissal	Pack up Dismissal	Pack up Dismissal