



# St. Paul's First Lutheran First Grade Curriculum

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## **RELIGION (Christ Light Series, Northwestern Publishing)**

Your child will learn the stories of the Bible – both Old and New Testaments. The children will learn stories, Bible Passages, prayers and hymns. They will learn the Ten Commandments of God and learn to implement them into their own lives. The children will grow spiritually and emotionally to be equipped for life and eternity as redeemed children of God.

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## **READING (Scott Foresman Reading Curriculum)**

Your child will learn the basics of reading stories – both Phonic based stories and stories taken from good literature. The children will learn to read, discuss, and comprehend from six basal reading books. Reading will also include workbook pages that will emphasize other areas of language arts. Other opportunities to reading will also be explored through library access and the option to get involved in the AR (Accelerated Reader) program.

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## **PHONICS (Scott Foresman Reading Curriculum & Modern Curriculum Press)**

Your child will learn the true building blocks of reading found in Phonics – both reading and writing are based on phonics (the sounds of letters and their use in Language Arts). The children will understand the basic 27 sounds found in reading, this will then carry out in their reading, spelling and writing. Phonics leads the children to be able to decode any word whether they are trying to read or write in any situation. Phonics will also aid the students to be better spellers through sounds, not just memorization.

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## **LANGUAGE (Scott Foresman Reading Curriculum)**

Your child will learn use of the English language through writing of journals and specific assignments targeting the rules of the English language. The children will learn the basic parts of speech and their uses in constructing sentences and stories. The children will learn by using basic sentence building structures. As they grow, the children will be able to write simple stories and other writing tasks.



## **PENMANSHIP (Zaner-Bloser)**

Your child will learn the proper MANUSCRIPT writing techniques of each letter, number, etc. The children will learn to form the letters correctly, proper spacing, and use proper line placement in writing. Using manuscript lettering is important to the building of vocabulary and reading techniques that are associated with the printed words in books and other formats. The lessons will finish with many opportunities to use their penmanship and writing skills to showcase through stories and various writing assignments.

## **SPELLING (Scott Foresman Reading Curriculum Word lists)**

Your child will learn use of spelling words correctly using phonics and spelling rules. Through the use specific spelling lists in workbooks, sentence and word usage, tests, and the writing of journals, your child will be able to spell a list of basic First grade words. The word lists are compiled from the children's Reading Series and stories which follow basic phonics lessons to reinforce what they are learning to develop their reading skills and knowledge.

## **MATHEMATICS (Saxon Math, Saxon Publishers)**

Your child will learn to use numbers through problem solving & simple equations. The children will learn the basic math skills through hands on techniques and work sheets. The children will be able to solve word problems and simple double-digit math equations. Beginning of measurements, time, and money are also introduced. This is the first step to building a firm math foundation that will go to high levels in our school.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES (Reflections-A Child's View, Harcourt)**

Your child will learn about the social aspects of family and community. The children will be able to read and make simple maps. Understand what is in the world around them and to explore what is important in daily life in our own country. There will also be many references and studies to current events that surround us and our community in the Los Angeles area.

## **HEALTH (Health, Safety & Manners, A Beka)**

Your child will learn about our body and the need to properly take care of it. Food, exercise, routine, safety and manners will all be taught to make for a well-rounded child of God.



## **SCIENCE (Discovering God's World, A Beka)**

Your child will learn about the wonderful things that God created. The child will learn about their body and how wonderful it is. The children will see God's hand in everything that is around us - animals, plants and other creations the Lord has provided.

## **HANDS-ON LABS (Science Is A Verb!, TPS Publishing Inc.)**

Your child will have the opportunity to engage in hands on science experiments. They will learn to "dive in" and think about what is happening and what can happen in God's World. They will learn to hypothesize the situation, deduce ideas, assess the problems, come up with observations, discuss the issues, and come up with a conclusion and an answer to the Why and How of God's Universe and Life!

## **GARDENING (Master Gardeners)**

Your child will learn through hands on training, all about plants and God's hand in nature. The children will not only grow flowers, but will eat the vegetables they grew themselves. Children learn the importance of nutritious gardening through our expert Master Gardeners. The children will experience with a hands-on training as to what the Lord gives us freely.

## **COMPUTER**

Your child will learn to use a PC computer. They will understand the parts of the basic computer and how they work. The children will learn mouse control and simple keyboard functions through fun art and creative pieces. They will also have the opportunities to use the Internet in some small areas.

## **SCHOLASTIC (Scholastic Book Co. Weekly Newsletters for First Grade)**

Your child will learn about NEWS that is current to the calendar both present and past. A weekly publication presents the children to read and explore things that are relevant to current or past issues of the seasons and dates. Through discussions, readings and some review, the children will be able to read and formulate new ideas about the world of the day.



## MUSIC (Kodály Music Teaching Theory)

Your child will learn to understand rhythms and sounds associated with music. They will be able to sing on task and in tune with a small singing group. They will have a basic knowledge of Music Theory, which is the building block needed to build on throughout SPFLS. This will also be the basis for your children to learn to play a musical instrument or participate in a band, choir, hand bell choir or the like. This Music approach is very hands-on and participatory, making it fun for all who are musically inclined or not.

## ART

Your child will learn to explore their own artistic ability through many mediums and forms of art. Most art projects are self-exploratory and not only let the children explore a certain medium, but also further expand the children's creative abilities. The children will enjoy art and see that everyone can be an artist.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Your child will learn to use their physical abilities to run, jump, play, etc. They will learn to play games that have rules and follow them. They will learn to play with others while getting along and having to show good sportsmanship. This is the year that your child will learn competition and how to handle it. They will also get to use their limbs and personal space in a more productive playing role. Getting outside and playing with others is indeed a treat in itself in today's busy and crowded schedules.