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First Grade Overview

Bible

Bible Truths, by BJU Press, bible lessons captivates children's interest and makes the Bible concrete and real to them. The theme, A Father's Care, guides students to trust God and to apply His principles in their everyday lives. Bible memory work is taught each week in order to help the children hide God's word in their heart.

Language Arts

The best approach to teaching reading is a simple, logical phonics system, coupled with reading texts that are interesting, challenging, well written, and geared to the development of Christian character. **Phonics & English 1** from BJU Press provides practice with phonics skills, reading word families, and reinforcement of English skills. By the end of the year, first graders will be able to write in complete sentences, capitalize the first word of a sentence and of the days and months, place a period at the end of a sentence, know and use suffixes, prefixes, and syllabication, and alphabetize words.

Spelling is presented in **Spelling Connections** by Zaner-Bloser. Students develop an understanding of word structure and a mastery of spelling through the use of spelling generalizations, guided activities, and dictionary skills. **D'Nealian** handwriting offers daily practice in proper formation and spacing of slanted manuscript letters and reviews what the student is learning in phonics.

Mathematics

God is an orderly, rational God. He used mathematics as He created the world and set it into motion. **Math 1** by BJU Press, our math program promotes absolute truth and expects students to learn and remember necessary facts. It lays the foundation for understanding mathematics, and it increases the child's capacity to understand concepts. Subjects covered in first grade math are: counting, number writing, reading numbers, place value, addition and subtraction, problem solving, money, geometry, logical thinking, graphs, calendar, ruler, clock, fractions, measurement, temperature, and multiplication.

Science

In our text **Science 1** from BJU Press, first grade science students are introduced to Earth Science, Life Science, and Physical Science. The studies of living things, earth and space, weather and seasons, motion, energy, and matter provide a great introduction to science. This is a solid foundation in science which is soundly based on the Word of God and Christian principles. Weekly experiments and themes supplement the curriculum which adds an excitement and change to every week.

Social Studies

In our text **Heritage Studies 1**, published by BJU Press, students follow events in the New World from pre-Columbus days through the middle 1600s. Topics include Plymouth Plantation, trading, Native Americans, and homes and families of the time from a biblical view. With over sixty lessons which include patterns, songs, games, and hands-on activities, the students are given a broad overview of this time period.

Enrichment Classes

Additional instruction in music, physical education, and library enhance the education offered in 1st Grade at Willamette Christian School.