



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Profile

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| Classes Available | Two  |
| Teachers          | Mrs. Elisa Aguirre<br>Mrs. Amber Corneil   |
| Class Size        | Maximum 25 students  |
| Teacher Notes     | <p>We offer a challenging curriculum within the framework of Christian morals and values, designed to deepen a child's relationship with God and develop knowledge and skills needed to excel in higher education. The transition to first grade begins the process of independence and added responsibility. Students will now be responsible for taking care of their own supplies and textbooks and for keeping up with their own work. Teachers assist students in developing these responsibilities in a nurturing and secure environment.</p> <p>Students entering first grade should have a strong background in letter identification and sounds and be able to read 3 letter words.</p>                             |
| Core Curriculum   | Religion, Handwriting, Language Arts (Composition), English (Grammar), Literature (Reading), Phonics, Math, Science, Social Studies, Enhanced Curriculum (Specials)  |
| Religion          | Students become aware of God's presence and goodness in their lives, in others, in the world, and in His Church. Daily focus on Virtues helps them learn to respond to God's goodness by loving Him and others. Traditional prayers are "Morning Offering", "Glory Be", "Our Father", "Hail Mary", "Angel of God", and "Act of Contrition". The Stations of the Cross are introduced. The Sacrament of Baptism is a major focus. Bible verse memorization is encouraged.   |
| Handwriting       | Letter formation and legibility are emphasized using manuscript lettering. Focus on hand-positioning and posture.  |
| Language Arts     | <p>The Language Arts block consists of Composition, English (grammar), Literature (reading), Classic Literature (some examples: <i>Frog and Toad</i>, <i>Velveteen Rabbit</i>), poetry memorization, Latin and Greek root word study, Phonics, Spelling, and Vocabulary. Whole group and small group instruction are also incorporated into the daily schedule.</p> <p>Spelling words are introduced each week and reviewed throughout the year. First grade practices phonetic skills throughout the year. Students will review initial, medial, and final consonants. Short and long vowels and consonant blends will also be covered. Compound words and contractions are also important skills that will be learned.</p> |



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|                     | During the course of the year first graders will learn the following comprehension skills: main idea/details, character traits, setting, sequencing, plot, story structure, visualizing, theme, summarizing, making and confirming predictions, retelling stories, inferring, and identifying the author's purpose. Students will learn how to identify genre and set a purpose for reading. Technology is also incorporated into our lessons.      |
| Math                | Basic skills of addition and subtraction through the number eighteen are studied along with a basic understanding of time, money, solid geometry, place value, set comparisons, measurement, fractions, and addition and subtraction of two digit numbers without regrouping (borrowing). Each concept also includes 1 to 3 step word problems to enhance the student's problem solving skills. Promethean Boards and iPads support our curriculum. |
| Science             | <p>In Science we have several units of study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Life Science – plants, animals and habitats</li><li>• Earth Science – land, water, air and weather</li><li>• Physical Science – matter, movement and sound</li><li>• Space and Technology – day and night sky; science in our world</li></ul> <p>First graders engage in many hands-on science experiments throughout the year.</p>                       |
| Social Studies      | The first grade curriculum covers several units of study including communities, governments, history (including historical figures) geography (including maps and globe skills) and basic economics.  |
| Enhanced Curriculum | Spanish, Computer Lab, Music, Physical Education, STREAM, Outdoor Learning, Library and Art   |
| Field Trips         | First grade experiences various trips to museums and other interesting places.  |