



SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Science and Social Studies in first grade is integrated with our Language Arts. In Science students are required to observe and record their observations.

COMPUTER LAB

First grade uses the computer lab weekly to teach computer skills and also to reinforce skills taught in Language Arts and Math.

FIELD TRIPS

First grade takes the following field trips during the school year:

Outdoor science field trips

Ruth Lilly Center

IN State Museum and IMAX

“Camp Read-A-Lot” & Library

At 6 and 7 children need lots of movement and stretching as well as snacks for optimum “brain power”. We alternate periods of listening and quiet work with periods of movement. Parents may be asked to help us provide snacks.



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Grade One
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FIRST GRADE STANDARDS

First grades learning standards and benchmarks are based on Indiana State Standards, Archdiocesan Standards and best practice based on research. St. Rose classrooms are able to have higher expectations than those mandated by the Indiana Department of Education.

Indiana State Standards may be viewed by visiting the Indiana Department of Education website. Standards that we are currently working on are displayed in our classroom.

The first grade teacher's area of expertise is in developing student competence and success in reading, with a focus on incorporating reading and writing skills into all areas of the curriculum including religion.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Our goal in reading is understanding, learning, thinking, and enjoying. Although St. Rose First Grade leans toward a comprehensive Phonics approach to reading, phonics is by no means our only avenue to fluency and comprehension. Balancing Guided Reading, Self-Selected Reading, Writing, and Working with Words is important in developing successful readers. We choose age appropriate literature composed of poetry, rhyme, songs, fiction, nonfiction, and author studies. A balanced literacy program helps us meet the diverse needs of our students.

RESOURCES FOR LANGUAGE ARTS

Our teaching resources for language arts include:

Saxon Phonics Working With Words

6 + 1 Writing McGraw-Hill Reading

Shurley Language

FAITH AND OUTREACH

As in all of St. Rose School, first grade is above all guided by our Faith. Religion is taught as a subject, but it is also woven into everything we do. It is visible in our prayer, our self discipline curriculum, our discussion, and our service.

With this vision, 1st grade answers Jesus call to serve in these and other ways:

Making cards for the sick and homebound

Caroling at the Methodist Home at Christmas

Raising money for Holy Childhood

MATHEMATICS

First Grade utilizes the Houghton-Mifflin Math series and manipulative kits. Manipulatives are frequently used to reinforce concepts being taught.

We emphasize learning the addition and subtraction facts to 20 and forming the numbers correctly. Students are also introduced to the following concepts: money, time, place value, fractions, and measurement.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you ever have questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We are partners on your child's educational journey.

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