

Trinity Lutheran School, Burr Ridge, Illinois

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW - FIRST GRADE

*The First Grade curriculum incorporates state learning standards and Trinity's distinctive mission.
Trinity provides a quality, accredited education in a loving, Christian environment.*

Religion

Comprehend daily lessons based on Bible stories
Know that all things come from God
Recognize Jesus as Savior who died to take away sin
Identify ways to be more like Jesus and live for Him
Know will go to heaven by grace through Jesus
Trust that Jesus can help in times of trouble
Show love to classmates
Share God's Word through song and words
Respect God's house
Thank God for His Word and Baptism
Recognize individual differences and accept
all people as children of God
Learn liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent
Confess sins and feel joy of forgiveness
Memorize and recite Bible verses, Ten
Commandments, and Lord's Prayer

Mathematics

Add and subtract whole numbers, 0 – 18
Recognize and count pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters
Determine time to the hour and half hour
Identify and reproduce geometric shapes
Write number sentences in addition/subtraction
Distinguish patterns
Interpret graphs
Identify odd and even numbers
Skip count by 2's, 5's, 10's, and 100's
Read and write numerals 0 to 100
Read and use calendar
Measure using non-standard and standard units
Identify fractions – halves, thirds, fourths
Solve two-digit addition/subtraction without regrouping

Language Arts

- Reading
 - Enlarge vocabulary through reading, speaking, listening, and writing experiences
 - Recognize and use common sight words
 - Read independently for a variety of purposes
 - Identify main idea and recall sequence of events
 - Develop awareness of uses for punctuation marks and capital letters as a cue to meaning

READING CONTINUED

- Use a variety of word analysis skills
- Develop comprehension skills
- Writing
 - Write simple sentences with appropriate punctuation
 - Identify nouns and verbs
 - Write independently in journal
 - Spell frequently used words correctly
- Listening and Oral Communication
 - Listen attentively and ask appropriate questions
 - Follow oral directions
 - Express complete thoughts
 - Speak effectively and clearly

Science

Recognize living and non-living objects, life cycles
Distinguish animal families and groups
Identify basic needs of living things
Recognize food as a source of energy
Use senses in direct observations, record observations
Complete simple science experiments
Know that questions can be answered by science activities
Learn about body growth and ways to stay healthy
Observe changes in the weather
Be aware of ecology and environment

Social Studies

Develop concepts and knowledge related to patriotism, nationalism, geography, neighborhood
Respect the rights and values of others
Distinguish between needs and wants
Recognize people work to provide money for goods and services and that some goods are scarce
Comprehend national holidays and symbols which help us remember our country's history
Know cardinal directions: north, south, east, west
Recognize Illinois and United States on map, globe
Compare and contrast differences in people and communities
Be aware of significant contributions made by special Americans, present and past
Judge a plan offered as a solution of a specific problem within a group

Spanish

Recite Spanish alphabet, count, and identify colors
Learn and use greetings
Learn about Spanish traditions and holidays

Computer Technology

Identify computer hardware components
Increase familiarity of keyboard
Learn computer advantages and limitations
Write sentences in word processing

Music

Participate in group singing
Learn rhythmic skills
Identify major instruments in band/orchestra
Listen to a wide variety of musical styles
Understand beginning symbols in written music

Art

Learn elements of design
Discuss feelings evoked from finished project and from major works of art
Develop skills in basic techniques using a variety of media: pencil, watercolor marker, tempera

Physical Development and Health

Use the elements of basic movements
Use basic locomotor and non-locomotor skills
Experience rhythm patterns
Begin fitness awareness
Develop ball-handling skills
Learn basic sport rules, introductory games
Comprehend value of and display good sportsmanship
Participate in Presidential Fitness Testing
Practice safety concepts and precautions
Recognize importance of keeping nutritionally and physically fit
Develop awareness of importance of disease prevention
Demonstrate cooperation skills

Peaceable School Program

Participate in weekly class meetings to learn I-messages, peace-making and peace-breaking behavior, and positive reinforcement, etc.

Service Learning

Participate in class service project; e.g., collecting food for the needy

Extra-Curricular Enhancement

Participate in a group Science Fair project and individual* project (every other year)
Develop a Fine Arts Fair Project* (every other year) * = Optional Participation
Participate in Basketball and Volleyball Clinics

Also offered at Trinity for an additional fee are piano and other instrument lessons through Allegro Music and Suzuki strings through Walther Lutheran High School.

This is an overview and not an exhaustive list of the concepts covered throughout the school year. If you have any question regarding our curriculum, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Trinity's principal at 708.839.1444.