



FIRST GRADE

Curriculum Guide

READINESS GUIDE FOR FIRST GRADE

Can your child...

Listen to and follow directions?

Listen attentively to a story?

Work on and complete a task independently?

Recognize a penny, nickel and dime?

Identify 16 consonant sounds?

Print name, first and last names with capital letters the rest lower case?

Read fluently?

Work simple addition and subtraction facts?

Sight Word readiness vocabulary list:

I	ran	did	eight	yes	but
get	all	yellow	the	an	was
off	said	you	a	with	is
do	we	from	no	blue	they
us	five	orange	four	one	six
two	by	three	nine	were	for
there	and	when	seven	then	black
which	not	what	on	or	that
say	been	of	are	green	have
purple	little	in	your	to	
brown	ask	this	has	ten	

LANGUAGE ARTS

Phonics and Reading

- Review of vowels, consonants, blends, one- and two- vowel words, consonant blends
- Recognition and use of all phonics special sounds in reading
- Spelling rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent *e*, changing *y* to *i*
- Oral reading: Individual reading cards (SRA)
- Weekly test

Cursive Writing

- All of the lower-case letters, half of the upper-case letters, blends, words and sentences

Spelling and Poetry

- Weekly phonics based word list
- Weekly test
- Reinforcement activities
- Eight poems

Language

- Capitalization of first word in a sentence, proper names, days of the week and months of the year
- Correct punctuation at the ends of sentences
- Recognition of complete sentences
- Words using suffixes, prefixes, syllables, compound words, rhyming words, opposite words, same meaning words, and contractions
- Alphabetizing of words
- Writing complete sentences and short stories
- Creative writing

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

This Is My America

- My America's Flag
- My America's Freedoms
- Symbols of My America
- Great People of America
- My America Grows
- My America Talks
- My America Travels
- My America is Beautiful
- My America Sings

This is My World

Mexico, Peru, Virgin Islands,
Puerto Rico, Bahamas, England,
The Netherlands, Norway, France,
Germany, Switzerland, Italy,
Israel, Egypt, India, China,
Australia, Guam, American Samoa

SCIENCE

Health and Human Biology

- Discovering Myself

Energy

- Discovering My Toys

Animals

- Discovering Animals
- Discovering Insects

Plants

- Discovering Plants

Seasons

- Discovering Seasons

HEALTH AND SAFETY, MANNERS

Health

- Eating good foods
- Exercising
- Rest
- Posture
- Care of body, clothes, home

Safety

- At home and away from home
- On streets, playgrounds, water

Manners

- At home, school, church, public

ARITHMETIC

- Number recognition, counting, and writing 1-1,000
- Greatest and least
- Counting and writing by tens, fives, twos and threes
- Number sequences
- Ordinal numbers
- Daily speed drills
- Weekly test
- Counting and combining coins
- Telling time to nearest five minutes
- Recognize odd and even numbers
- English and some metric measures
- Place value in ones, tens and hundreds
- Unit fractions
- Reading a thermometer
- Addition facts through 13 and three-digit addition with carrying
- Subtraction with facts through 13 and two-digit subtraction
- Story problems
- Numbers before and after by ones, twos, tens
- Between numbers
- Using a ruler
- Multiple combinations
- Concepts of multiplication
- Calendars
- Reading pictographs and bar graphs
- Developing listening skills
- Roman numerals

BIBLE

- God Gives Me a Place to Live
- God Gives Me a Family
- God Gives Me Leaders
- God Gives Me Helpers
- God Gives Me His Son
- God Gives Me a Way to Live
- God Gives Me His Church
- God Gives Me Gifts and Abilities

Bible is taught five days a week. Lessons on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are taught in the classroom. Chapel on Wednesday is considered the fifth Bible lesson for the week.

SERVICE PROJECT

To reinforce the concept of becoming a Christian servant, the class will be involved in a community service project.

MUSIC

Music is a part of everyone's life everyday. Our goal is to teach appreciation of music, all forms and types. Our program will introduce children to music representing diverse cultures and styles. Those being: traditional, patriotic, holiday and religious.

Recognizing that there are many different ways to give children understanding and appreciation of music, there is a wealth of varied activities. Among these are: singing, listening, playing age appropriate instruments, identify differences in elements and expressive qualities between fast and slow tempo, loud and soft dynamics, high and low pitch/direction, long and short duration, same and different form, tone color or timbre, and beat, playing age appropriate music games to reinforce lessons, simple lessons on reading and writing notation.

Music-reading skills are developed in the context of musical experiences. Music-reading skills have important carryover value. They can help children learn language reading skills: i.e. recognizing configuration of melodic patterns is a skill similar to recognizing configuration of words.

First grade students will participate in the Christmas program each year.

ART

Art becomes a part of everyday life through TV, magazines, and newspapers. Our goal at VisionWay Christian School is to teach students to appreciate art in all its forms. This year your child will learn about:

1. Watercolor - How to use the brush to get different effects
2. Marker - How to use them with water and a brush
3. Go on to 2-3 step projects
4. Start pencil drawings
5. Working with clay
6. Introduction to different artistic styles, but with their own ideas and imagination.

All of these will help your child realize there are many different forms of art in the world and hopefully come to love art.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The purpose of a physical education program at this grade level is to provide for and allow children the experiences that contribute toward the maximum learning potential of each student. The program is child-centered and recognizes that play is the primary avenue through which learning occurs. Motor development is emphasized through experiences involving fine and gross muscular control.

In Kindergarten and first grade, great importance is placed upon students learning to use a variety of pieces of equipment correctly in different activities introduced, including basketball, jump rope, physical fitness programs and baseball.

All of this will help the child develop physically and encourage a lifetime of activity and health.