

1st Grade

As adventurers in first grade we set out to explore the world that God has given us, not only through our academic studies, but more importantly, as we explore the leadership and moral character traits that God sets forth as foundational in His Word.

Bible & Leadership– In first grade we focus on understanding the greatest storyline of all time: the story of a creator God, his love for us, and the sacrifice of His Son to bring us back to Him. Each month one of CLA’s ten leadership traits is highlighted as the focus of study, discussion, and practice.

Reading– First grade focuses on taking the building blocks of reading: phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension and mixes in confidence to create readers! At CLA, these goals are accomplished through our assigned level readers as well as independent books and read alouds.

Math–Students focus on mastering addition and subtraction facts and using these to learn to add and subtract larger numbers. Students also explore concepts such as shape, length, weight, graphs, time, and money.

Grammar– Students are introduced to the foundational parts of speech, learning to recognize each in a sentence and utilize these parts of speech in their own writing. Students also gain a firm grasp of a complete sentence, capitalization, and punctuation.

Spelling– Students learn to spell words focusing on one to two patterns from our phonics curriculum each week. Students also focus on mastering the spelling of common sight words.

Writing– Students learn to write a paragraph using introduction, body, and concluding sentences. In first grade our adventurers are introduced to and practice many types of writing including journal writing, friendly letters, personal narratives, how-to writing, informative writing, and even poetry.

Social Studies & Science– – First grade begins the year with a study of basic geography. We then study Pilgrims and their lives. We conclude the fall semester with a brief study of the symbols of the United States of America. We visit Mission San Luis to experience how Native Americans and the settlers would have learned to live together. In the spring, we learn about animals and their habitats. We visit the Tallahassee Museum to see animals and their habitats as well as St. Marks Wildlife Refuge where we embark on a Reptile hunt through the trails.

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Mrs. Noll has been a CLA teacher since 2012, with a two year break to be home with her son. She holds a Bachelors of Science from FSU in Elementary Education. She loves teaching at CLA because of the heart to partner with parents to raise their children to be leaders in all aspects and the focus on God’s Word in every subject area. She also loves that the unique set-up allows for parents to be intimately involved in their student’s growth and education.

