



OVERVIEW OF FIRST GRADE

In **BIBLE**, using Building on the Rock, by Summit Ministries, (Summit Press) students experience daily Bible stories and study Creation through the Patriarchs. They regularly memorize Scripture verses, and learn all the books of the Bible. They participate in chapel once a week. Biblical character traits are studied throughout the curriculum. Conflict resolution skills are taught using materials published by Peacemaker, Inc.

In **LANGUAGE ARTS**, students are introduced to forty-six sounds and blends. They become independent readers, spellers and writers by the end of first grade. The textbook used in first grade is SRA, Open Court Reading. (McGraw-Hill Companies)

The **SRA Real Math** (McGraw-Hill Companies) curriculum is used to teach children to think about mathematics and calculate answers to math problems. First graders will be able to use numbers through 100 to describe sets and situations. They will show mastery with addition and subtraction facts with numbers to 20. They will explore addition and subtraction with number to 100. Students will be able to collect and record data, name and draw geometric figures and solve problems using a variety of strategies.

In **SOCIAL STUDIES** curriculum, Heritage Studies 1, (Bob Jones University) presents God as the author of all history and the Bible, as we read and learn about it, provides us with a view to examine history and our place in present. First graders will explore family, community, state, country, Native Americans, Christopher Columbus, Jamestown and Plymouth. We follow a few other explorers around the globe using Explorers and Discovers by Educational Research Council of America, and study different types of cultures they met during their travel. In addition, we learn the four oceans, seven continents, two poles, and four directions.

The **SCIENCE** curriculum, Science for Christian School, (Bob Jones) presents God as the Creator and sustainer of all things. Topics include colors, the senses, heat, sound, wild and tame animals, sun, moon, stars, planets, weather, and insect life cycle. Each chapter relates science and scientific methods to everyday life. Appropriate verses in every chapter expand the student's appreciation for science and understanding of the Bible.

Units of study in **HEALTH** include fire safety, traffic safety, dental health, ecology, nutrition, 911, and manners.

ART experiences are given to students through projects integrated into all the subjects of the curriculum through cutting, gluing, drawing, directed art, and painting.

MUSIC class includes singing, rhythm, rhythm instruments, music games, hand motions representing scales (solfege), introduction of how God makes sound, and music for our enjoyment.

P.E. emphasizes on fundamental movement skills, object manipulation, games sportsmanship, and participation.

Students use the **COMPUTER** to learn math, reading, language arts, spatial puzzles, science, and telling time.

Students will experience and learn **Spanish**. Learning comes through verbal interaction and hands-on experience.