



## Academic Overview – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Bible:** Students will memorize Scripture passages, recall Bible stories and how those lessons can be carried into everyday life, and recognize God’s gifts for mastery at the 1<sup>st</sup> grade level. Units include: Creation, Noah, Joseph, Moses, The Ten Commandments, Gideon, Ruth, The Psalms, God’s Written Word, Loving Others, Caring for Others, Being Thankful, Believing in God, Accepting Forgiveness, Being a Leader, Serving Others, and Knowing God.

Textbook: *Bible 1*. Purposeful Design

### Language Arts

**Writing:** Students will master first grade skills in grammar, vocabulary and literature appreciation necessary for language interpretation and usage. Journal writing and beginning writing workshop approaches are used.

Textbook: *Handwriting Worktext*. BJU

**Phonics/Reading:** Students will learn to recognize, analyze, and reproduce phonetic sounds for the reading and comprehension necessary for mastery at the first grade level. Small group instruction, independent reading centers, and whole class read alouds are used to cultivate strong fluency and comprehension skills as well as a lifelong love for reading.

Textbook: *Letters and Sounds 1*. A Beka

**Spelling:** Spelling is taught using a word study approach. Students are assessed at the beginning of the year and then again mid-year to determine their developmental level in spelling. They work in small groups as they identify and master phonetically-based patterns in words. Students will be tested weekly.

**Math:** Students will be able to comprehend and apply basic mathematical principles of adding, subtracting, measuring, counting, telling time, problem solving, and simple geometry for mastery at the first grade level.

Textbook: Under review

**Science:** Students will learn about and explore God’s creation for mastery at the First Grade level. In-class experiments and hands-on projects enhance the curriculum. Units include: Weather, Seasons, Plants, Mammals, Matter, Sound, and The Sun Moon and Stars

Textbook: *Science 1*. BJU

**Social Studies:** Students will recognize basic areas, attributes and historical figures of America and the world for mastery at the first grade level. Units include: Thanksgiving, My America’s Flag, Symbols and Freedom, Great People of America, and My America Grows, and an Around the World unit.

Textbook: *My America and My World*. A Beka

**Enrichment Classes:** Music, Art, Spanish, Library, P.E.

### Special Activities and Field Trips:

- Spelling Bee and Regional ACSI Spelling Bee
- Harrisonburg Children’s Museum
- Apple Orchard
- Natural Chimneys picnic and hike
- 4th grade Reading Buddies, including special Camping Day

- Reading Buddies with Preschoolers
- Beach Day
- 100th Day Celebration