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Elementary Program First Grade Curriculum Guide

Bible - Purposeful Design

The Purposeful Design Bible series focuses on the foundational teachings from the Bible about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early Church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him.

Our first graders focus on familiar Bible characters and events that illustrate God's gifts, such as family, leaders, helpers and His church.

Math – Bob Jones

Math 1 uses manipulatives and real-life experiences to teach place value, addition, subtraction, geometry, time, money, measurement, and fractions. Writing equations, reading graphs, and other concepts are introduced as part of problem-solving skills.

Writing - Lucy Calkins

The Lucy Calkins first grade writing series consists of four units.

- Unit 1: Small Moments: Writing with Focus, Detail, and Dialogue - students take the everyday events of their young lives and make them into focused, well-structured stories, then they learn to breathe life into the characters by making them talk, think, and interact
- Unit 2: Nonfiction Chapter Books - students enter the world of informational writing as they combine pictures and charts with domain-specific vocabulary and craft moves to create engaging teaching texts
- Unit 3: Writing Reviews - students create persuasive reviews of all sorts that hook the reader, clearly express the writer's opinion, and bolster their argument in convincing ways
- Unit 4: From Scenes to Series: Writing Fiction - students learn to “show, not tell” and use action, dialogue, and feelings to create a whole series of fiction books

Grammar - Multisensory Grammar/Write Source Skills Book

Multisensory Grammar provides a concrete, colorful method for teaching the functions of parts of speech and sentence structure. Routines are put into place for introducing and reinforcing the parts of speech, and strategies that promote students' use of fundamental grammar in oral and written expression.

The *Write Source Skillsbook* provides daily practice for grammar, usage and mechanics.

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Handwriting - Zaner-Bloser

First graders focus on basic manuscript strokes: vertical lines, horizontal lines, backward and forward circle lines, and slant lines. They also work on manuscript uppercase letters, lowercase letters, and numerals 1-20.

Spelling – Bob Jones

Spelling 1 focuses on application and using spelling as a tool for communication. Activities help students learn word structures and dictionary skills.

Phonics - Abeka/Primary Phonics

Letters and Sounds 1 provides daily exercises to reinforce the phonics concepts vital to the mastery of reading skills.

Primary Phonics facilitates individualized instruction through flexible, skills-based workbooks and storybooks that correspond to students' ability levels. Students are able to work at their own pace and progress from simple to complex phonic elements to become successful readers.

Reading – Bob Jones

Reading 1 introduces students to a variety of fiction, poems, plays, articles, and Bible stories. Reading selections are developed to incorporate phonics, grammar skills, service words, and word families. Opportunities are provided to develop critical thinking and comprehension skills. Both oral and silent reading habits are developed.

Social Studies - Pearson My World

With an integrated and interactive curriculum, stories from our world engage students and help develop thoughtful citizens. Lessons apply inquiry processes, practice reading and writing, and involve collaboration and communication skills. The first grade Social Studies theme is called Making Our Way and focuses on the following contents:

- My School
- My Community
- Work in the Community
- Looking at Our World
- Traditions We Share
- Our Past, Our Present

Science - Bob Jones

Science 1 starts students on the path of scientific inquiry with an introduction to the senses, heat, sound, animals, and heavenly bodies—presenting God as the Creator of all things.

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