

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Curriculum

## Language Arts

**Phonics and Reading** – The A Beka program is a very Strong phonics-based program. Every child who has come through the A Beka program in Kindergarten comes into the first-grade reading.

**Manuscript and Cursive Writing** - Students are introduced to cursive writing in the 2nd quarter of first grade and it is used the remainder of the year. Manuscript writing is reviewed. Neatness in handwriting is encouraged.

**Spelling** - Weekly phonics-based word list from the ABeka curriculum.

**Shurley English/Grammar** - Students learn the basic elements of grammar including:

- Parts of a sentence using jingles
- Parts of speech using jingles
- Capitalization and Punctuation Rules
- Learning & Writing Explanatory Paragraph
- Writing Process
- Different Kinds of Sentences Compound Words
- Root Words, Suffixes and Prefixes
- Formal and Informal English
- Explanatory Essay Writing
- Simple sentences, Fragments, and Compound Sentences
- Persuasive Writing – Fact and Opinion
- Writing Persuasive Paragraph
- Transition and Descriptive Words
- Synonyms and antonyms
- Guideline for Oral Presentation
- Subject-Verb Agreement
- Writing Letters and Addressing Envelope

## Science

Purposeful Design *Science Level 1:*

- Animals – Living and Non Living things, Animals, Mammals
- Physical Science – Movement, Machines
- Human Body – Teeth, Bones and Muscles, Heart and Blood, Lungs and Air, Stomach and Food
- Earth and Space – Seasons, Space

## Bible

Abeka Curriculum is used to teach biblical concepts, lessons, and character studies. Biblical lessons learned ties into behavioral expectations and character building.

- Book of Genesis
- The Gospels
- Book of Acts
- Miracles of Jesus
- Life of David

Includes memory verses, songs, and prayer

## **Arithmetic**

*Saxon Math:*

- What Mathematicians Do
- Writing Numbers
- Ordering Numbers from Smallest to Greatest
- Identifying Objects on a Graph
- Identify and Circle, Square, Triangle, Rectangle, Geometric Solids
- Graphing a Picture on a Pictograph
- Identifying Most and Fewest
- Collecting and Sorting Data
- Steps in Problem Solving
- Identifying First, Last, Between and Middle
- Counting Money
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Patterns
- Lighter and Heavier
- Estimating and Measuring Length
- Sorting Items
- Line of Symmetry
- Dividing shapes into Halves/ Thirds, Fourths and Sixths
- Counting by 2's, 5's, 10's
- Drawing Conguent Shapes and Designs
- Telling Time
- Identifying Cups, Quart Gallon and Liter
- Identifying Cool, Cold, Warm and Hot Temperatures
- Using a Calculator

## **History**

Bob Jones' *Heritage Studies 1* is a colorful, easy-to-read social studies presentation that integrates civics, culture, economics, geography, and history. Beginning with the framework of God's redemptive plan, the book includes an age-appropriate study of civics and government. It

then covers United States history from Native Americans to the Plymouth Colony—all from the perspective of a Christian worldview. The final chapter contrasts the past and the present, noting changes that have taken place in the way we live.

- God's Family
- Your Family
- Martin Luther King Jr. Unit
- Your Community
- Australian Unit
- Your State
- Thanksgiving Unit
- Your Country
- Christmas Around the World
- Your Country's Capital
- President's Day Unit
- Native Americans
- Groundhog's Day Unit
- Christopher Columbus
- Japanese Unit
- Jamestown
- Earth Day Unit
- Plymouth
- Today and Long Ago

