

First Grade Syllabus

First grade marks the point at which your child transitions from pre-education to a formal class setting. The Cleveland Catholic Diocese provides a very extensive curriculum that outlines skills that children need to have in order to be successful in second grade.

The English Language Arts skills taught to first grade students can be classified in five strands: writing process, writing applications, writing conventions, research, and communication.

First grade Reading skills consist of five strands. Specifically: 1. Phonemic awareness, word recognition and fluency, 2. Acquisition of vocabulary, 3. Reading process, 4. Reading applications of informational, technical and persuasive text, 5. Reading applications of literary text.

The curriculum for first grade Math also contains five strands. 1. Numbers, Number sense and operations, 2. Measurement, 3. Geometry and spatial sense, 4. Patterns, functions and algebra, 5. Data analysis and probability.

Our subject areas also include Religion, Social Studies, Health, Science and Handwriting. (Computer, Art, Music, and Physical Education are not taught by the classroom teacher)

Phonics, Math and Reading are graded using the Diocesan Grading Scale

A+ 98 - 100	B+ 90-92	C+ 82-84	D+ 75-76
A 95-97	B 87-89	C 79-81	D 72-74
A- 93-94	B- 85-86	C- 77-78	D- 70-71

All other subjects are graded using O S U. These grades are given by using classroom papers, projects, class discussions, and assessments provided with text books.

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Daily seat work papers are given a star for 100%, for satisfactory Redo papers need to be corrected and returned the next school day. Homework assignments are to be returned the next school day. A note will be sent home if a child repeatedly misses homework assignments

Discipline in the first grade is based on self disciplining. If a child displays inappropriate behavior, he/she will be quietly reminded of classroom rules. We may also notify you via e-mail, phone or note of his/her actions. For serious problems a conference would be arranged.

First grade is a very exciting year and we are looking forward to working with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by using the St. Mark Web site.

First Grade Teachers

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