

# First Grade 2019-2020



## Teacher Information

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## **Grade Level Description**

The foundation of our first grade is our faith in Jesus Christ and His Word, written to us so we can know Him. We desire our students to see a true and living God in our daily lives. We try to help them see the world around them through the filter of God's Word.

We use varied instructional practices including differentiated learning, hands on-centers, problem-based learning, group learning, and individual instruction to meet each student's readiness level.

## **Grade Level Resources**

**Bible:** A-Z Bible Verses, Purposeful Design  
Learning about creation through Jesus' teachings.

### **Reading/Language Arts/Writing:**

Wonders series by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill

This series is comprised of selected stories with varied genres. Spelling, phonics, grammar and handwriting are integrated with this program. We also use Phonemic Awareness curriculum by Heggerty to improve phonics application.

### **Math:** Go Math! (Second grade)

Students continue to grow their skills in telling time, various forms of measurement, subtraction and multiplication, adding and subtracting money, graphs and tables, etc. Fact fluency is increased through daily timed tests differentiated by ability.

### **Science:** Harcourt Publishers

We will study the solar system, animals, plants and water cycle. Students engage in weekly S.T.E.M. projects and hands on activities to extend learning.

### **Social Studies:** A Child's View by Harcourt Publishing

We will use time lines, maps, and other interactive resources while studying American history.

## **Special Events & Field Trips**

- Research trip to the Reid Park Zoo
- Book Tasting Literacy Event
- Mother's Day Literacy Tea
- Pool rules with Golder Ranch Fire District
- U of A Growing Forward (Farm)
- Children's Museum of Tucson math event
- Targeted skill themed weeks throughout the year

## **Grading**

In core subjects, grades are calculated in the following categories:

- Tests
- Homework
- Class Work
- Participation

## **Serving Others Projects**

Students join other classes to help pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. This year 1<sup>st</sup> grade packed over 20 boxes!

Each class ties a fleece blanket together to give to our middle school students to take to the family who will live in the house they build on the AMOR trip. First Grade also gives a portion of the money they earn at their bake sale to the Women's and Children's Center at the Gospel Rescue Mission in Tucson.