

St. Valentine School Curriculum Highlights

Grade 1

Work habits for students in Grade 1:

- Complete assignments in a timely manner
- Work independently
- Follow directions
- Show good effort
- Be responsible for their own actions

Parents can help their children by:

- Reading to and with your child
- Daily reinforcement of reading and math lessons
- Returning necessary notes, books and assignments
- Keeping your child's school supplies replenished

*Parents will find an update on the school website classroom page each week outlining specific curriculum points that will be addressed throughout that week.

Religion

Students in Grade 1 will learn:

- Hail Mary prayer
- Our Father prayer
- Baptism
- Lent
- Advent
- School wide Faith Formation topics which follow a four year cycle of:
 - The Mass
 - The Saints
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament

Will discuss weekly:

- Sunday liturgies using Gospel weekly
- Readings for weekly school Masses

Reading

In Grade 1, students will learn to:

- Distinguish between fantasy and realism
- Compare and contrast
- Predict outcomes
- Understand sequence of events
- Recognize story structure
- Determine cause and effect
- Draw conclusions
- Categorize and classify
- Note important details

- Recognize a main idea, topic, and supporting details
- Solve problems/make decisions
- Make generalizations
- Predict/infer
- Summarize
- Phonics/decoding
- Evaluate
- Question
- Monitor/clarify
- Initial consonants
- Final consonants, double consonants
- Short vowels
- Alphabetical order
- Consonant clusters
- Consonant digraphs
- Long vowels
- Contractions
- Compound words
- Recognize sound/letter patterns
- Understand word structure
- Recognize and read high frequency words

Students will also be introduced to the Accelerated Reader program.

Writing/Handwriting

In Grade 1, students will:

- Write a story
- Write a letter
- Write a personal narrative
- Write a research report
- Use descriptive writing
- Write instructions/directions
- Proper letter formation
- Spacing
- Legibility

English

In Grade 1, students will learn about:

- Punctuation
- Capitalization
- Complete sentences
- Types of sentences
- Subjects and predicates
- Nouns
- Plurals
- Verbs
- Present, past, and future tense
- Adjectives
- Pronouns

- Comparisons
- Subject-verb agreement
- Irregular verbs
- Using a dictionary/glossary

Mathematics

In Grade 1, students will:

- Develop number sense by reading, writing, comparing and ordering whole numbers 0-12
- Addition facts to 12
- Subtraction facts to 12
- Problem solving
- Place value to 100
- Concept of money (penny, nickel, dime and quarter)
- Time (hour and half hour)
- Geometry
- Fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, and $\frac{1}{4}$)
- Add and subtract two-digit numbers
- Measurement
- Students will use an online program for math fact memorization

Social Studies

In Grade 1, students will learn about:

- School
- Community
- Work
- Earth/resources
- Our country
- Our world

Science

The areas to be studied in Grade 1 will be:

Life Science

- Plants
- Animals
- Habitats

Physical Science

- Grouping objects
- Sound, light, heat
- Working and moving (magnets and machines)

Earth Science

- Earth
- Weather
- Sky

Human Body

- Senses
- Growing and changing

- Taking care of your health
- Health

- Helping relationships
- Exploring safety issues
- Prevention of illnesses

Library

In the library, Grade 1 students will:

- Listen to stories
- Read for enjoyment
- Work on projects that coordinate with stories
- Learn about book care
- Learn to locate books in the library
- Learn about library behavior
- Begin to learn basic library skills such as parts of a book, ABC order and different types of books
- Participate in special reading events

Spanish

Students will learn the Spanish language and culture through activities including but not limited to reading, writing, speaking, listening, and singing.

First Grade- Students will continue to build their foundation of knowledge of the Spanish language and culture through various activities such as reading, writing, listening, speaking, and singing.

- Colors
- Numbers 1-31
- Days of the week
- Months of the year
- Holidays
- Food
- Common greetings and closings
- Questions
- Feelings
- Family
- Clothing
- Weather
- Animals
- Body
- Characteristics
- Adjectives

Grade 1 students will have classes in Art, Computer, Physical Education and Vocal Music once each week. Grade 1 will have Spanish class twice each week. Grade 1 will participate in 2-4 field trips per year as relates to their studies.