

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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## FIRST GRADE YEAR AT A GLANCE

The mission at St. John's Episcopal School is for each child to grow in maturity, knowledge, and in spirit. Our goal is to foster positive self esteem through engaging learning experiences. St. John's small class size enables faculty to focus on each child and meet his or her individual needs

### **Language Arts / Reading**

- Treasures Language Arts Curriculum includes phonics, spelling, reading, writing, capitalization, punctuation, prefixes, suffixes, contractions, complete sentences, synonyms, antonyms, homophones and vocabulary
- Identify parts of a sentence
- Identify the different parts of a book
- Saxon Phonics is also used for phonemic awareness and phonics rules
- Decode words in context and in isolation
- Read with grade level appropriate fluency and comprehension
- Read and understand a variety of literary types; such as Poetry to create individual Fairy Tale Books
- Use elements of the writing process when composing text to express ideas and feelings
- Use elements of the writing process to compose texts using drafts and publishing skills using Write Steps
- Zaner-Bloser Handwriting used to practice manuscript handwriting

### **Mathematics**

- Envision Math emphasizes numeration-counting, place value, fractions and money
- Addition, subtraction, problem solving, graphing, measuring and probability
- Geometry of 2-D and 3-D shapes, patterns, functions, and basic Algebra
- Supplemented with independent practice using Math 2.0 online

### **Science**

- National Geographic Science Curriculum units and Discovery Education explore all aspects of science including Health, Weather and Seasons, Magnets, Properties of the Earth, Living Things and their Environments, and Rocks and Soil
- Observe and describe the natural world using the five senses
- Use appropriate tools and models to investigate the natural world
- Experiments are done in the classroom weekly
- Submit a class project for the school's science fair
- Animal research project

### **Social Studies**

- Understand the origins of customs, holidays and celebrations
- Understand and identify how historical figures, patriots and good citizens shaped the community, state and nation
- Understand the concepts of time and chronology, economics and government
- Treasures Reading Curriculum also includes coordinated Social Studies units which include Community, Geography and Maps, Early Settlers, and U.S. symbols and figures
- Understand geography through the Flat Stanley project
- Social Studies Weekly

### **Enrichments**

- Art, Music, Spanish, P.E., Technology, Godly Play and Library

### **Religion**

- Attend Chapel three days a week (Tuesday for Praise and Worship, Wednesday for Formal Chapel, Thursday for a Class Lead Chapel)
- The students also learn Bible stories in the classroom to promote Christian character