

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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## FIRST GRADE YEAR AT A GLANCE

The aim of St. John's Episcopal School is for each child to grow in maturity, knowledge, and in spirit. Through engaging learning experiences, students gain positive self-esteem. St. John's small class size enables faculty to focus on each child and meet his or her individual needs.

### **Language Arts / Reading**

- Wonders Language Arts Curriculum includes 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
- Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum
- 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
- 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 IXL and MyMath Academy

### **Science**

- 1st grade Science is a pull out program
- Science Weekly Curriculum units explore all aspects of science including the Human Body, 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
- Submit a class project for the school's science fair

### **Social Studies**

- Studies Weekly: My School and Local Community
- 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
- Understand geography through the Flat Stanley project

### **Enrichments**

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

### **Religion**

- Attend Chapel three days a week
- The students also learn Bible stories in the classroom to promote Christian character
- Godly Play

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## CURRICULUM