



PROVIDENCE  
A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW  
FIRST GRADE

equipping students for a life  
WISDOM, VIRTUE, AND ELOQUENCE  
*to the Glory of God*



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## First Grade Curriculum Overview

### Spelling/Phonics Level 1

In first-grade spelling and phonics, students grow toward mastery of basic phonemes and rules of spelling. Students will know how to read many words encountered through phonetic rules and spell many words given certain rules of spelling.

### Grammar Level 1

In first-grade grammar, students will learn Shurley English grammar jingles that they will continue to use and practice throughout the years. Students will also learn the basic parts of speech and punctuation that provide meaning and clarity to sentences. Through the use of sentence diagramming, students will examine how basic grammatical elements come together to form complete thoughts and expressions through language.

### Composition Level 1

In first-grade composition, students are given tools and practice in writing for all subjects by constructing their thoughts into complete sentences by verbally answering questions in complete sentences. Furthermore, students practice skills in penmanship and sentence construction through copywork assignments relating to the text read to them.

### Literature Level 1

In first-grade literature, students grow in their use of vocabulary and comprehension as they follow chapter books. In addition to this, students continue to grow in their affection for good stories and poetry as they read and recite fine works.

### Bible Level 1

In first-grade Bible, students memorize key verses of scripture, while growing in familiarity with specific stories in the Old Testament. Students also learn to see the complete narrative of scripture and how it applies to their lives.

### History & Geography Level 1

In first-grade history, students will go through the first part of the historical timeline, learning about the major figures, events, dates, and geographic regions as they hold significance in the ancient world. In growing more familiar with this era, students will prepare for deeper examination of the big ideas of this era in later grades.



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## First Grade Curriculum Overview (cont.)

### Science Level 1

In first-grade science, students focus on the concepts of matter, motion, and gravity, understanding the nature of that which exists in the material world. Through hands-on activities and outdoor nature walks, students will be captivated by the beauty and complexity of all that which is material and moves, while better understanding the properties by which they have their material form.

### Math Level 1

In first-grade math, students take their fundamental understandings of numbers and begin drilling foundational math facts and learning place value. Students will begin applying their skills to word problems as well as more advanced application-based activities.

### Art

In lower school art, students learn how to appreciate beautiful works of art, while practicing the rudiments of artistic expression in drawing, painting, and sculpting utilizing a variety of mediums.

### Music

In lower school music, students grow in their appreciation of beautiful works of music, while learning basic music history and theory. Music classes primarily focus on vocal skill development, with occasional instrumental practice. Students perform various vocal pieces at all school events and during morning prayer.

### P.E.

Students in the first formal year of physical education will practice fine and gross motor skills and exercise even greater control over strength and personal space awareness as it applies to sports and everyday academic situations.