

The First Grade Curriculum at Holy Family follows the educational standards put forth by the state of California and the Diocese of San Jose.

The First Grade teachers are credentialed and have over 40 years of teaching experience.



This brochure is intended to present an idea of the curriculum offered at this grade level. It is not representative of all subject matter covered over the course of the school year, but instead gives an idea of the major focus and themes.

ART

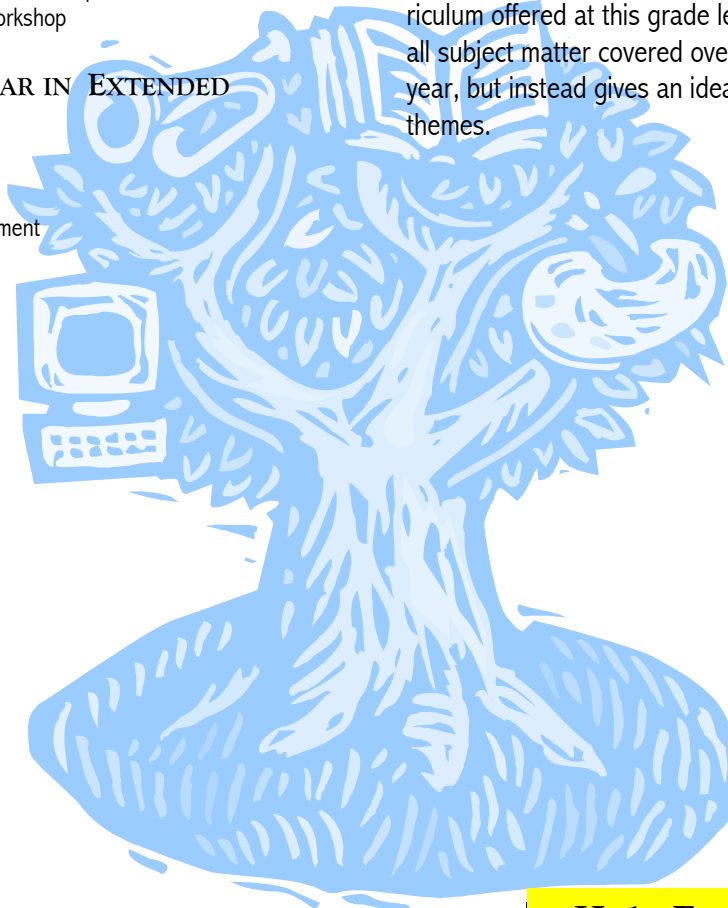
- Integrated throughout the curriculum
- Participate in the school-wide Art Vista Program that incorporates art prints, art vocabulary and hands on learning
- Weekly Art Workshops

COMPUTERS

- Learns to use simple drawing programs
- Learn keyboarding skills
- Types, edit and illustrates personal stories written in Writer's Workshop

EXTRA CURRICULAR IN EXTENDED CARE:

- Cartooning
- History Mystery
- Ministry of Movement
- Chess Club
- Cub Scouts
- Girl Scouts



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MATH

- Read, write and order numbers 1 to 100
- Add and subtract small numbers with ease to 20 and commit these facts to memory
- Demonstrate the meaning of addition and subtraction and use these operations to solve problems
- Understand and use the concept of “ones” and “tens” in the place value number system
- Use number sentences to solve problems
- Use direct comparison and non-standard units
- Length, weight, volume
- Tell time to the nearest half hour and compare elapsed time to related events
- Identify common geometric figures, solid and plane
- Use and read a variety of charts and graphs
- Sort and classify objects
- Measure with simple units
- Count coins to \$.99
- Use of hands-on activities and manipulatives
- Calculator Practice
- 100 Day Activities
- Hands On Activities include: Marcy Cook, Math Their Way, Touch Points and Aims



READING

- Apply phonetic and decoding skills in text
- Identify contractions, compound words, plurals, nouns, adjectives, verbs
- Alphabetize words to the first letter
- Locate information in expository text
- Recognize cause and effect relationships
- Understand the basic features of reading and apply their knowledge to achieve fluent oral and silent reading
- Read and understand grade-level appropriate materials
- Read and respond to a variety of significant works of children’s literature
- Read for enjoyment and to obtain information.
- Spring “Relatives Read-A-thon”

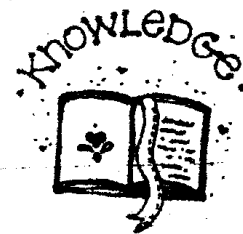
- Parent Volunteers
- Pizza Hut Book-it Contest
- Support Scholastic Outreach Program
- Learning resource support

WRITING

- Properly use capital, small letters, periods, questions marks and exclamation marks in their written work
- Identify nouns, verbs and adjectives
- Write clear and coherent sentences and paragraphs that develop a central theme
- Write compositions that describe familiar objects, events and experiences.
- Write a friendly letter
- Recognize and incorporate spelling patterns in daily work
- Parents assist with Writer’s Workshop
- Fifth Grade Buddies assist with writing projects
- Use of Computer Lab to type stories
- Participates in the Santa Clara Reading Council’s Young Author Faire
- Step up to writing

SOCIAL STUDIES

- learn about our school, town, county, city and world
- explore map skills
- Weekly Reader Current Events Student Magazine
- Develop good citizenship,
- Learn appreciation of cultural pluralism
- Study history
- American symbols



SCIENCE

Physical Sciences

- Exploring matter in different forms (states) solids, liquids and gases

Life Sciences

- Recognize that plants and animals meet their needs in different ways based on environments, food, water, light, shelter needs, be aware of their lifecycles
- Enter into Science Fair: Mealworms Project

- Field Trip Visit to the Pumpkin Patch
- Field Trip Visit to a farm

Earth Sciences

- Observe, measure, describe Weather, daily and seasonal, using thermometers
- Investigations and Experimentations
- Recording observations, and using graphs
- Aims Science Units
- Catholic Television Network (CTN Programming)
- Streaming video



RELIGION

- Understand and demonstrate Catholic values
- Understand the sacrament of Baptism
- Participate in daily prayer, prayer services and Mass
- Integrate Christian values into every day life
- Experience different forms of prayer
- Classroom Parent Prayer Services
- Thanksgiving Forest Prayer Feast, students dressed as Pilgrims and Indians
- Present school-wide Prayer Service
- Participate in school-wide community service projects
- Visits from priests, bishop and seminarians
- Catholic Television Network (CTN) Programming
- Support school ESLERS

MUSIC

- Learn liturgical and theme music
- Participate in musical programs in winter and spring

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Participate in exercise and games that strengthen body and mind
- Learn good sportsmanship
- Supports school-wide Anti-Bully program
- Rhythm and Moves-sponsored P.E. program
- Peaceful playgrounds
- Spring sports day

