

# First Grade



*"We incorporate the presence of God into our day by reminding the children that we are never alone and always loved. We build our classrooms on respect for each other and love for God.*

Mrs. Deanne Boyce/Mrs. Michelle Pingel

## RELIGION

Our Religion curriculum is called **Christ Light**. We bring the Word of God to our students so they may know God and His seeking and forgiving love in Christ. Learning God's Word allows us to live happily in peace with God, ourselves, and fellow human beings. We recognize the value of all, God's creative work in His world, and the church and witness openly of Christ the Savior of all people.

## SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

- ◆ Nature Field Trip ◆ Colonial Tea Party
- ◆ 100<sup>th</sup> Day ◆ Fine Arts Field Trip
- ◆ Reading Road Race Rally
- ◆ Pumpkin Patch/Apple Orchard
- ◆ Community Business Visits

## TECHNOLOGY

**EasyTech** is the web-based curriculum we use. Students will have varying degrees of comfort with technology applications. Students learn about computer hardware, applications and components. They work on projects to learn software interfaces by choosing different applications available to them.

## MATH

Our Math curriculum is the **Saxon Math** program where new objectives are presented in increments throughout the year through five components: Math Meeting, Fact Practice, New Concepts, Guided Class Practice and Homework, and Assessments. Instruction includes:

- ◆ numbers and graphing
- ◆ single and two digits
- ◆ counting patterns
- ◆ telling time
- ◆ addition and subtraction
- ◆ geometry and fractions
- ◆ place value and money
- ◆ measurements

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Our Social Studies curriculum is **TimeLinks All Together**. We learn about families and neighbors, the earth, life long ago, work, and government. All units include learning about events that take place in the United States and around the world, citizenship, historical figures, and map and globe skills.

## SCIENCE

**Elevate Science** guides our instruction. Students investigate and learn a variety of science concepts through hands-on experiments, inquiry activities, and interactive notebooks. Units covered include:

- ◆ Living Things ◆ Light ◆ Weather and Seasons
- ◆ Sky and Sound ◆ Sound ◆ Parents and Offspring

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Our language arts curriculum consists of **Units of Study** and **Units of Study in Phonics**. Both are established on ability-based partnerships where peers work together to help each other become more strategic as readers and writers. In **Units of Study**, students explore fiction and non-fiction texts focusing on comprehension strategies, word solving, vocabulary, fluency, author's craft and story elements. **Units of Phonics** teaches phonics concepts and strategies in a way that keeps pace with students' reading and writing and helps them understand when, how, and why they can use phonics to read and write. The Six Traits of Writing are taught through our **Writing Workshop** as students explore writing mechanics and grammar.

## ART

- ◆ Exploring with paints, oil pastels, markers, cutting, folding
- ◆ Time for creative expression
- ◆ Collages, holiday art, clay and ceramics, mosaics
- ◆ Participation in the Ozaukee County Fair Art Show

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