

First Grade

CCA's first grade class hits the ground running as they continue learning phonics rules and start to read REAL books. Instead of basal readers that zero in on a few phonics skills at a time, CCA's first graders will start to read classic story books such as *Little Bear*, *Caps for Sale*, *The Story About Ping*, and *Billy and Blaze*. Beyond reading, students continue manuscript writing practice and begin CURSIVE WRITING! We stress neatness by requiring legible handwriting. Work ethic and self-discipline are instilled at this early level to form good habits for years to come.

Our read-aloud program continues with 85+ story books, poems, and picture books that teach students about the world around them. Skills about geography, history, and science are taught with rhyme, word play, and hands-on experiments, all in the setting of literature that is both rich in language and art.

PHONICS/READING/LANGUAGE

- Finish phonics rules through 2nd grade leveled books (First Start Reading)
- Weekly spelling lists
- Weekly oral reading assessments to check for progression in decoding, fluency, and speed

RECITATION/MEMORIZATION

- Daily recitation of facts and skills learned
- 111 questions and answers memorized by the end of the year
- 33 Bible verses memorized
- Several poems, songs, and prayers

LITERATURE & ENRICHMENT

- 85+ books with instruction on literature, poetry, art, music, history, culture, and science
- 33 music selections from classical composers studied each week
- 33 paintings studied from the Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassicism, Romanticism, Realism, Impressionism, Post Impressionism, Art Nouveau, and Modern Art eras are studied each week

ARITHMETIC

- Counting, time, calendar, measurement, and money skills
- Skip counting 2's, 5's, 10's, 25's
- Addition/subtraction facts memorized for immediate recall
- Beginning conversion of cups/pints/quarts
- 2- and 3-digit addition and subtraction

BIBLE

- Continues where Kindergarten left off in "The Story Bible"
- Continues with Rahab and goes through to Esther