

1<sup>st</sup> Grade with Mrs. Schnakenberg  
2009-2010

Religion—Using the Concordia series, we will learn about some of the events from the Bible, from the Old and New Testament.

Reading— We will use the Houghton Mifflin series, “baggy books,” and many other resources to build reading skills. Every child is expected to practice reading every night for at least 15 minutes, either from their “baggy books” or from the reading textbook. Your child will have assignments to be completed in class.

Spelling— We will use the Spalding word lists for spelling. Your child will get six new words or sounds (phonograms) daily to put into his spelling book. After the third day, the children will get “dictation” daily. Dictation is the word that this series uses for daily tests. Your child’s grade will be based on the first six words of each dictation, and daily assignments. Daily assignments may include: practice writing the new words, putting the words in alphabetical order, using the words in sentences.

Mathematics— Using the Saxon Math program, the children will review skills constantly. Usually three or four new concepts are introduced weekly. Tests are cumulative and will be given after every five lessons, starting with lesson 10. On test days, your child will not have math homework, but expect math homework on all the other days! One side of the worksheet (side A) will be done in class, side B is to be done at home. All homework should be turned in at the beginning of the next day. Grades in math will be based on test scores and daily work.

Science— This year, using our textbooks, Science Discovery Works Concordia Edition, we will study a variety of topics. We will cover concepts in Life, Physical, and Earth Science.

Social Studies– We will study about communities, historical figures, holidays, careers, and other topics dealing with the world around us.

English– We will use the “Shurley Method” to study sentences and parts of speech. Most of the English exercises will be done in class.

Writing– We will use the Universal Publishing Handwriting books. The first grade students will work on neatness and legibility.

Physical Education– We will work on developing motor skills with teacher-directed games and activities.

Music– We will do lots of singing this year. During the week, we will sing a variety of songs and jingles. We will also spend time on learning rhythms, beats, and notes.

Art– Using a variety of resources, we will learn about artists, and create lots of art with a variety of media.