

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

## Language Arts

- ✓ Become independent readers
- ✓ Practice the Daily 5: Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work, and Work on Writing
- ✓ Reinforcement of the phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension skills
- ✓ Develop phonetic skills by learning to decode ("sound out") words; spell using the same skills; spell challenge words that do not "play fair" phonetically
- ✓ Practice penmanship using the Palmer method

## Mathematics

- ✓ Develop fluency in problem-solving skills
- ✓ Work on proficiency in addition and subtraction facts (for totals up to 20)
- ✓ Estimate, make predictions, multiple strategies in solving problems
- ✓ Study money, time, measurement, fractions, three-dimensional geometric shapes

## Social Studies

- ✓ Focus on family, school, and community life
- ✓ Learn about the cultural and historical background of the traditions and holidays that we celebrate; learn to appreciate the traditions of others
- ✓ Acquire simple map skills

## Science

- ✓ Provide an environment that invites discovery
- ✓ Introduce life, earth, and physical sciences, and space and technology

## Religion

- ✓ God's love for us: God as our Creator, Jesus as our Savior, and the Holy Spirit as our source of strength and peace
- ✓ Learn the basic prayers of our faith

## Specials

- ✓ Art - Understand that art comes from culture; learn to identify different origins and purposes for art; use symbols to express ideas
- ✓ Music - Keep a steady beat; learn songs from other cultures; identify sounds made by different instruments; identify notation for resting
- ✓ Spanish - Learn special letters and their sounds (n, ll, rr); learn songs and rhymes; count to 100; express likes and dislikes
- ✓ Physical Education - Identify parts of the body affected by exercise