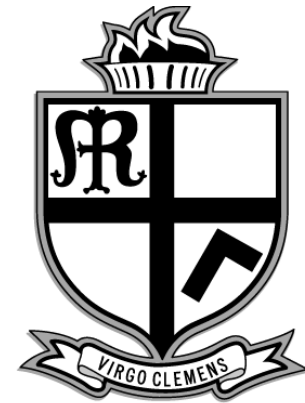


FIRST GRADE

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Core Curriculum

In First Grade the children grow academically, spiritually, and socially. We focus on helping children grow to be self-assured readers, writers, mathematicians, and religious citizens. We do a few special projects throughout the year. The first is “Mustang People” where each student does a self-portrait and writes auto-biographical information for us to post on our bulletin board in the hall. We also do an Angels and Saints board, and Weather Projects. We go on a few special field trips: visit a Pumpkin Patch, go caroling at the nursing home, see the Blue Ridge Ice Cream facility, and tour Reynolda House.

Catholic Identity

We start each day with prayer and a reading and reflection from the Bible. We pray the Angelus, as a school, before lunch and then we ask our lunchtime blessing. At the end of the day, we say our good-bye prayer. We go to weekly Mass and monthly adoration.

Specials

Once a week, first graders have classes in their “special” subjects of Physical Education, Media/Technology, Spanish, Art, and Music.

PE: We continue our basic units of running, jumping, throwing, catching, rolling, rhythmic activity, kicking, fitness, gymnastics, parachute, basketball, striking, and cooperative games.

MEDIA/TECHNOLOGY: We cultivate a learning environment where technology and media are integrated into the curriculum to enhance student learning. Teachers collaborate to provide learning experiences that incorporate access to print and digital resources. Students learn how to use the symbols %, @, !, \$, *, (&) on the keyboard, which ones need the shift key and which ones do not; adding and subtracting equations and writing on the computer, as well as basics of Internet Safety.

SPANISH: We learn greetings in Spanish as well as numbers, colors, shapes, school vocabulary and family vocabulary. All vocabulary is learned in context of conversation. We begin learning custom of Hispanic countries.

ART: Students work on basic color theory, basic perspective, design elements and 3-D design. We also learn basic art appreciation.

MUSIC: We learn songs, tempos, and orchestra families, and continue work on playing a steady beat. We put on a special Christmas program with the PreK and Kindergarten, and perform in the school-wide Christmas music program and Spring Concert.

Service

We bake cookies for Hospice, make Thanksgiving baskets, and visit a nursing home close to the holidays to sing carols and meet the residents. We also take part in many other outreach projects coordinated by the Helping Hands of Mercy group, which help the students know that EVERY one is important to God.

Buddies

Sixth graders are paired up with the first graders the first week of school. They sit together each week at our student liturgies. At the end of the year, we have a picnic together and celebrate the growth of both classes. For the first graders, their growth in independence means they won't have an older buddy assigned to them any longer. For sixth graders, their growth in responsibility means next year they will be assigned as buddies for the PreK class.