

WEST COVINA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1st GRADE

CURRICULUM GOALS & INFORMATION SHEET

ENGLISH – HOUGHTON MIFFLIN CURRICULUM

- In first grade, we introduce many phonics concepts which will be practiced in depth in second grade.
- We review letter sounds and teach long vowel patterns, consonant blends and digraphs, vowel digraphs, plurals, verb tenses.
- We introduce capitalization, punctuation, proper sentence structure.
- We teach fiction and non-fiction writing processes. Information gathering, report writing, and publishing are all practiced.

READING- HOUGHTON MIFFLIN CURRICULUM

- Also, reader's theater, poetry and simple chapter books
- Most of our reading instruction is in small groups with some large group and whole class activities.

MATH – SAXON MATH CURRICULUM

- Addition & Subtraction to 20, triple addends, double digit addition and subtraction without regrouping.
- Telling time to half-hour, coin recognition and money counting, measuring in inches and centimeters
- Sequencing, counting by 2's, 5's, 10's, 100's, place value recognition
- Decoding addition and subtraction facts from word or "story" problems, basic fractions.

SCIENCE:

- We have many experiences which teach the way things change.
- We cover weather, seasons, senses, geology, solid / liquid / gas properties.
- Plant development, animal classification, ecosystems, nutrition, health.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

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- We basically study how things change and how we fit into and are affected by history.
- We include learning about families, friendship and community; homes and shelters, various holidays and how they are celebrated around the world.
- Similarities and differences between life long ago and at present.
- We introduce continents, countries, and map usage.
- We look in depth into some cultures, and compare them to our own.
- We learn about several of our country's historical figures, about our flag, our president, and our capitol.

BIBLE- STANDARD PUBLISHING'S "BIBILICAL CHOICES" **CURRICULUM**

- It reviews old testament stories which give background to and events leading up to Christ's life on earth, his death, and resurrection.
- New Testament stories are about Christ's teaching, miracles, and sacrifice for us.
- Emphasis is on God's love and provision for His people.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS OR PROJECTS:

- Our animal classification and habitat study is extensive and culminates with an animal report – our big first grade project.

FIELD TRIPS AND/OR SPECIAL TRIPS: (Can change year to year)

- Cultures of the Southland (Green Meadows)
- Long Beach Aquarium
- Mt. Sac Farm

POINT OF INTEREST:

- We have a flexible, center-based approach to teaching reading and language arts that meets the child at his or her level. Those who need extra help get it, while allowing high achievers to excel.