



# 1 First Grade

## ART & ENRICHMENT

- Weekly craft projects utilizing paint, markers, and colored pencils
- P.E. class twice a week with age appropriate exercise and games
- Thanksgiving - turkey cupcakes and turkey hats
- Christmas - decorate gingerbread cookies
- Easter - Forest Lawn Resurrection exhibit
- Captain Carl and Mobile Tide Pool (on campus)
- Field trip to Medieval Times
- Field trip to Long Beach Aquarium

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Holiday class parties
- Christmas musical
- Open house
- Spring musical
- ACSI Speech Meet
- ACSI Spelling Bee
- ACSI Piano Festival

Westminster Academy is a Christian school dedicated to sound academic training of the whole child - intellectually, spiritually, morally, and socially. The Word of God is our guide in leading the children to all truth. The three R's are important at Westminster. They are combined with an emphasis on responsibility, self-discipline, and respect for God and all authority which will provide a firm foundation for every area of adult life. Westminster seeks to encourage each child to do his best work in order to honor God with the talents and abilities God has given to him.

*Westminster Academy serves families by providing a strong academic setting in which children are challenged to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to live their lives for God's glory.*



## WESTMINSTER ACADEMY

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## LANGUAGE ARTS

With an emphasis on the use of phonics to promote fluency in reading and accuracy in spelling, the first grade student will also be able to to:

- Identify and pronounce blends, digraphs, and diphthongs
- Practice daily with phonetic marking of words
- Read and spell list of 30 sight words
- Increase vocabulary through weekly spelling tests
- Learn to read with fluency and expression through daily oral reading
- Divide words into syllables
- Learn to identify and write compound words, synonyms, homonyms and antonyms
- Learn to identify and write contractions
- Learn punctuation and capitalization skills
- Write a complete sentence to answer questions from reading assignments
- Expand reading comprehension and analytical thinking through specialized story worksheets
- After a review in manuscript alphabet letters, the student will learn to write in traditional cursive (entire alphabet, upper and lower case)

## MATH

- Write and count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's to 1000
- Recognize and memorize fact families to sums of 20
- Add and subtract both horizontally and vertically
- 1, 2, and 3 single digit addition/subtraction
- Understand concept of less/more
- Tell time (including minutes)
- Money counting combining quarters, dimes, nickles and pennies
- Learn Roman numerals 1-20
- Improve analytical skills through simple word problems
- Learn and memorize common measurements and conversion measurements
- Measure using inches and centimeters
- Identify odd and even numbers
- Understand simple fractions
- Understand basic mathematical symbols
- Patterning and sequencing
- Identify and compare shapes and solids
- Learn to interpret information from simple graphs
- Use of flashcards to build speed and accuracy

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible instruction is not limited to Bible class, but is consistently integrated throughout all areas of study to show God's sovereign design in our world.

- Weekly Bible verse and catechism questions to increase knowledge of our creator
- Study of Biblical characters and the choices they made (good or bad)
- Study of "armor of God"
- Pilgrim's Progress (age appropriate version)
- Weekly chapel worship

## SOCIAL STUDIES

- Learn God's perspective on authority and each individual's role in relation to authority
- Introduction to our country, government, and patriotic symbols
- Basic map skills
- Learn all U.S. states and their capitals and their location on the map
- Learn the seven continents
- Learn about famous Americans and their inventions or contributions

## SCIENCE

- Learn about various animals, their attributes, and their habitats
- Make a booklet of the 7 continents and the animals which live on them
- Learn about our solar system
- Learn basic scientific concepts relating to solids, liquids, and gases
- Learn basic concepts of healthy choices and personal hygiene
- Keep chart for brushing teeth daily

## MUSIC

- Music class twice a week with a qualified music teacher
- Hymn of the month
- Children's fun/silly songs
- Introduction to musical symbols, vocabulary, and rhythm instruments
- Class recitals to encourage private study