

Tate Springs Christian School

First Grade Curriculum

The Bob Jones University Press first grade curriculum is the culmination of decades of research, experience, prayer, and creative energy designed to open an amazing year of learning and understanding. Bible-centered themes that support Christian principles are a part of all areas of the curriculum.

BJUP Bible Truths - A Father's Care teaches the student to learn about the Bible through a thematic, chronological study of the Old and New Testaments. The emphasis is placed on trusting God and applying His principles in everyday life. Included are memory verses, a timeline of Creation and Easter events, hymns, Bible maps, and a glossary of Bible terms. Units of study are as follows:

- God Creates His World
- God Keeps His Promises
- God Protects His People
- Christmas: God Sends His Son
- God Guides His People
- God Rules Over His People
- God Cares for His People
- Easter: God Offers His Son
- God Strengthens His People
- God Speaks with His People

BJUP Math 1 includes skill practices, a spiraling review, and activities using manipulatives for concrete concepts. Writing equations, reading graphs, and parental involvement stimulate problem-solving skills. Each student has a consumable text that is colorful and user friendly. Contents of the text include the following:

- Place Value
- Numbers to 100
- Addition Facts to 18
- Subtraction Facts to 18
- Money
- Time
- Calendar
- Customary Measurement
- Metric Measurement
- Geometry
- Fractions
- Two-Digit Addition
- Two-Digit Subtraction
- Renaming Readiness
- Multiplication Readiness
- Division Readiness

BJUP Phonics and English contains engaging lessons that combine phonics, reading, listening, comprehension, grammar, spelling, and handwriting to equip students with skills needed for the entire academic process. Phonics skill is vital to every child. The three key concepts to be applied to ensure a balanced phonics program are listed:

- The child needs to know the letter-sound associations.
- These letter-sound associations must tie to the rest of the word with practice and drill on word families and patterns.
- All phonics instruction must be linked to comprehension—the reading of real words.
- After initial phonetic review, time will be spent reading sentences and stories rather than drilling on isolated words. These skills blend directly into the reading program.

BJUP Reading 1 is a collection of six student readers that contain a variety of colorfully illustrated stories, poems, plays, and articles. Each student will enjoy the characters met along the way. The

student worktext offers independent activities which will reinforce the learned skills. The reading curriculum emphasizes the following:

- Vocabulary Development
- Dictionary/Glossary Use
- Comprehension
- Silent Reading
- Oral Reading
- Guided discussion
- Parent Involvement
- Reading Enrichment

BJUP Spelling 1 is much more than just memorizing words. It is a method of study providing a five-day approach to spelling instruction while the student develops an understanding of word structure and patterns. Good spelling is a reflection of good study habits. This thrust will help produce self-confident spellers and promote a positive attitude toward spelling and writing in the classroom.

BJUP Pre-Cursive Handwriting 1 is similar to the cursive letters that will be used in later grades. Children develop in different time frames; however, good fundamental habits can improve with practice. The goal of handwriting is communication and this can be determined by:

- Good posture
- Correct paper position
- Correct pencil hold
- Proper letter formation
- Good letter alignment
- Uppercase and lowercase letters
- Consistent slant of letters
- Even spacing
- Neatness
- Rhythm

Social Studies

Hands-on Science will start students on the path of scientific inquiry through hands-on lessons that present God as the Creator of all things. Topics explored are:

- The Senses
- Nutrition
- Pushes/Pulls
- Rocks and Minerals
- Living and Non-living
- Plants (General Overview)
- Recycling
- Light and Sound
- Insects (Ants)
- Seasons
- Mammals
- Dinosaurs
- Ocean Life

First grade students attend Chapel each week and have classes in physical education, health, music, art, and Spanish.