



1st Grade Curriculum Guide

History and Geography

- Continents, countries, and maps
- Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, and Mexico
- Lessons in Civics
- Early explorers and settlers

Mathematics

- Addition and subtraction within 100
- Shapes
- Ordinals numbers and dimensions
- Fractions
- Time and money

Science

- Changes in the sky and weather
- Plants and animals, habitats, variation in organisms
- Sound and light travel, vibration, and reflection
- Simple and compound machines
- Human body systems: cells, tissues, organs, and motion

Phonics, Spelling, Reading, and Writing

- Instruction in reading through systematic, explicit phonics
- Learn all 72 phonograms (common English spelling patterns)
- Practice writing fluency through dictated, original sentences
- Learn to read and spell approximately 650 spelling words
- Gain reading fluency with coaching and daily practice

Art and Music

- Art appreciation; history; fundamentals of art
- Listening and music appreciation; history; theory and notation; performance

Sayings and Phrases

- Never leave till tomorrow what you can do today
- There's no place like home
- If at first you don't succeed, try, try again

Literature

- *My Father's Dragon*
- *Frog and Toad* collection
- *The Velveteen Rabbit*
- *Puss in Boots, Jack and the Beanstalk,* and other folk tales
- *The Boy who Cried Wolf* and other *Aesop's Fables*
- *Sam the Minute Man*
- *The Princess and the Pea, Rumpelstiltskin,* and other fairy tales

Poetry

- Solomon Grundy
- My Shadow
- I Know All of the Sounds that Animals Make
- Persevere
- The Months
- The Purple Cow
- Be Like the Bird
- The Land of Nod
- The Owl and the Pussycat
- Sing a Song of People

