

# FIRST GRADE (G1)

## Bible

***Building on the Rock*** (Summit Ministries) lays the groundwork of worldview education for the youngest students, helping young ones understand relationships with the Creator, each other, ourselves, and creation.

- Hymns/choruses.
- Memory verses.
- Bible doctrine focused on Genesis, creation, life of Christ, Paul, and Salvation.

## Language Arts: Phonics, Reading, Poetry, Spelling and Writing

***Letters and Sounds 1*** (Abeka) systematically reviews each phonics element necessary for learning to read in an appealing way.

***The Early Readers*** (Abeka) coordinate the reading material with the phonics concepts students are learning. First graders learn that there is a whole new world just waiting for them as they advance their reading skills. Titles include *Fun with Pets*, *Tiptoes*, *Stepping Stones*, *Secrets and Surprises*, *Kind and Brave*, *Aesop's Fables*, *Strong and True*, *Down by the Sea*, *Animals in the Great Outdoors*, and *Primary Bible Reader*.

***Language 1*** (Abeka) provides daily exercises to help students increase thinking skills, improve reading comprehension, and develop creative writing ability

***Writing with Phonics 1*** (Abeka) is designed for students to learn the proper formation and slant of letters and the correct spacing between letters, words, and sentences. Later in the year, penmanship class will focus primarily on creative writing skills and some penmanship review.

***Spelling and Poetry 1*** (Abeka) teaches first graders apply the phonics concepts they are currently learning as they master the spelling of approximately 420 words.

- Review long and short vowel sounds, consonant sounds, blend consonants with vowels, blend special sounds with vowels, and clue words.
- Work with root words, using syllables, prefixes, suffixes and contractions.
- Recognition and use of all phonics rules in reading.
- Strengthen oral skills to increase accuracy, correct enunciation, fluency, alertness to punctuation, appropriate volume, good expression, volume, pace and comprehension.
- Follow along as others read orally.
- Capitalization of first word in a sentence, days of the week, and months of the year.
- Recognition of complete sentences, using correct punctuation at the ends of sentences.
- Utilizing proper grammar rules such as alphabetizing, dividing words into syllables, using possessives, plurals, verb tenses, verb-subject agreement, and root words and suffixes.
- Formation of letters and sentences using good writing posture, proper pencil hold and correct letter placement, gradually reducing writing size.
- Learning the writing process: read and gather, think and plan, write and rewrite, check and polish, share your results; utilize proper grammar rules and sentence structure; evaluate writing for personal growth.
- Memorization and recitation of 8 lyrical poems.

## Mathematics

***Arithmetic 1*** (Abeka) presents concepts in an orderly manner, building on prior learning and including consistent year-long review. Applications to real-life situations and daily thinking questions stretch the students' reasoning ability.

- Number recognition, counting and writing 1-350.
- Numbers largest and smallest 1-250.

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- Number concepts 1-100.
- Counting and writing numbers to 200 by tens, fives; to 150 by twos; and 99 by threes.
- Counting forwards and backwards.
- Addition and subtraction facts families 1-18.
- Value and handling money: pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and half-dollars.
- Introduction to Roman Numerals, tally marks.
- Fractions: whole, half, quarter, third.
- Multiplication concepts: repeated addition, counting by threes.
- Measurement and capacity: time, calendar, temperature, weight, volume, and measuring by the inch, foot, yard, and centimeter.
- Continued development of geometric concepts using patterning and sequencing using colors, shapes, and numbers. Introduce hexagon, trapezoid, and symmetry.

### Science and Health

*Discovering God's World* (Abeka) presents God as the Master Designer of the world around us.

*Health, Safety, and Manners 1* (Abeka) is an interesting and attractive health reader that introduces first graders to the importance of good health habits and gives God the glory for the way He has designed us.

- Simple machines, forces and energy from air, wind, and water.
- God's wonderful plan for animals (elephants, ducks, turtles, owls, and more) and insects.
- Discovering more of God's creation through seeds and plants. Uses of plants including oxygen, food, and habitat.
- Parts of the body and our five senses and sense organs.

- Taking care of bodies with healthy eating, exercise and rest; exercising caution and keeping safe; and showing kindness and politeness at home, church, school, and in the public.

### History and Geography

In *My America and My World* (Abeka), students will learn how our country was founded and what our basic freedoms are.

- The US flag, its history, the meaning of the colors, proper flag etiquette, the Pledge of Allegiance and its meaning.
- America's freedoms and its symbols: Great Seal of the U.S., Uncle Sam, Statue of Liberty, U.S. coins, American bald eagle, and Liberty Bell.
- Important US Documents: Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights.
- Great People of America including the Pilgrims (First Thanksgiving), George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Paul Revere, and Benjamin Franklin.
- Growth in American communications and travel (telephone, mail, television, radio, computers, Internet, changes in transportation, and more),
- American places and territories including Washington, D.C.; Niagara Falls, Mount Rushmore, Plymouth Rock, Plymouth Plantation, Fort McHenry, Williamsburg, Virginia; Mississippi River, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Canyon, Death Valley, Yosemite National Park, San Francisco, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, and American Samoa.
- Globe and World studies - the landscape, location, famous landmarks, historical people, and culture of 21 US states and 18 different countries (Mexico, Peru, The Bahamas, England, The Netherlands, Israel, Italy, Kenya, China, Australia, Canada, Norway, France, Germany, Switzerland, Egypt, India, and Japan).