

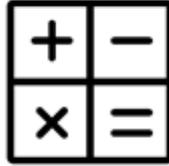


1st
Grade

CURRICULUM

Mrs. Jeneille Malone

MATH



At Sechrist, we use the Engage NY math program. During math time, students will participate in activities that cover a variety of 1st Grade Common Core math standards.

In our classroom, we have math centers that rotate consisting of:

Teacher Feature: Meeting 1-1, in small groups to learn our objective/standard of the day.

Math Journal: Individually working on a math question, math facts, problem solving or word problems in our math journal.

Tech Time: Utilizing the ipad to work on IXL, Zearn or Frontrow math apps.

Elation Stations (Centers): 6 different individual centers to practice previous math lessons, counting or word problems.

Expert Tub: Students may go to this center if they have mastered their job at the aforementioned station.

SPELLING



Spalding is a method I use to teach speech, spelling, writing and reading. Each week we enter 10 words into our composition books based on handwriting, phonemic pattern and correct spelling. We use these 10 words throughout the week in various activities.

We also use these words for our weekly spelling tests. The real test is on Friday. A list of the weeks words will be sent home every Monday in the homework folder, and on my weekly newsletter.



READING

Sechrist uses the Reach for Reading series through National Geographic. The students will read a new story every week. During the week we rotate into centers in which we:

Meet with the Teacher: read out loud, listen on tape, read with a partner, answer comprehension questions.

Tech Time: Utilizing ipads, and computers to practice spelling words, phonics; or reading fluency and taking AR tests

Centers: 5-6 different activities related to the story. (Phonics, decodable books, crossword puzzles, rainbow words, spelling practice etc.)



PHONICS

We will focus throughout the year on:

- Short Vowel Rules
- Long Vowel Rules
- Decoding One and Two Syllable Words
- Blends (ex: bl), Digraphs (ex: st) Trigraphs (ex: igh)
 - Nouns, verbs, adjectives, conjunctions, conventions of English, and capitalization.
- Sight words to 250 +



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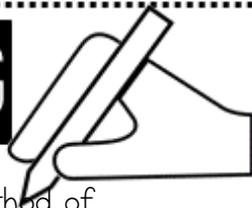
The language component in 1st grade correlates with the National Geographic Reach for Reading series. We learn different phonics skills, comprehension, sentence structure, parts of speech and, research and information skills which relate to the weekly story.

SPECIALS



Art, Computer Lab, P.E., Music and Wellness are the classes students will have every week. Students also go to recess before school, morning time, lunch time and in the afternoon (Mon. & Wed. only due to specials on Tues & Thurs.).

HANDWRITING



We will use the Spalding method of handwriting, to practice good handwriting. By learning vertical manuscript, children learn to write the same letters they see in books, strengthening the reading-writing connection. Learning to print focuses the students' attention on the distinctive shapes and features of letters, leading to improved letter recognition.



SCIENCE

The first grade science standards are covered through inquiry based investigations using science kits. Most of our science kits come from FOSS. The concepts covered in first grade include:

- New Plants - Life Science
Students care for plants to learn what they need to grow and develop. They observe structures of flowering plants.
- Solids and Liquids - Physical Science
Students explore the behavior and characteristics of solids and liquids by comparing and sorting on the basis of a variety of properties.
- Balance and Motion - Physical Science
Students put the world into motion in this module.
- Pebbles, Sand and Silt - Earth Science
Students explore places where earth materials are found and ways in which they are used in people's daily lives.

I also incorporate different themes in Science, based on the monthly theme. We investigate apples and taste test apple products in September, pumpkins and candy corn in October, etc.. STEM & STEAM activities throughout each semester.



SOC. STUDIES

We will focus on building citizenship, community, kind kids club, exploring our world (past & present), American History (ex: timelines), World History(ex: early civilizations), Civics and Government (ex: identify National Symbols, Holidays), Economics (ex: needs vs. wants), cultural diversity and basic geography skills (ex: places and regions) and digital citizenship.