



FIRST GRADE PROGRAM

The instruction at Trinity Academy includes a hands-on, multi-sensory approach. Scripture and a biblical worldview are emphasized and integrated into each subject area.

CORE SUBJECTS *daily instruction*

BIBLE:

Resource: BJU Bible Truths

- Study creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, the tower of Babel, Abraham, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Esau, Joseph, Moses, the Ten Commandments, Jesus' birth and the crucifixion.
- Study the following topics: God's promises, God's guidance, God's care, God's strength and the Bible
- Memorize, recite and apply Scripture
- Practice spiritual disciplines: prayer, scripture memory and worship
- Attend weekly chapel

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS/PHONICS:

Phonics Resource: Saxon Phonics

- Master phonemic awareness and phonics skills
- Weekly spelling tests that match skills learned
- Read with fluency, accuracy and comprehension

Comprehension Resource: BJU Press English Language Arts

- Read with comprehension
- Increase vocabulary

Handwriting Resource: Saxon Phonics

- Learn print and cursive
- Write with good penmanship

Writing Resource: Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)

- Write at least four complete sentences in a written work

SCIENCE:

Resource: BJU Science

- Use process skills, science tools and the scientific method and senses

- Study *Earth & Space Science*: parts of the earth, seasons, weather, soil, the sun, moon and stars
- Study *Living Things*: animals, plants, senses
- Study *Energy*: motion, energy and matter

MATH:

Resource: BJU Math

- Through the use of manipulatives, daily worksheet and oral drills, demonstrate conceptual understanding and fluency of basic addition and subtraction facts to 20
- Identify parts of a whole, create number patterns, solve word problems, discern relationships between operations, differentiate among plane shapes and identify solid shapes
- Compare objects according to length, weight and capacity
- Learn to identify the hour using analog and digital clocks
- Learn about time and money

HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES:

Resource: BJU Press Heritage Studies

- Study the following:
 - *American History*: Native Americans, Columbus, the New World, the settlements of Jamestown and Plymouth
 - *Geography*: Map skills, cardinal directions, map key, the globe, continents and oceans
 - *Government*: Community, state, national leaders, the U.S. capitol, national symbols and monuments
 - *Economics*: Needs versus wants, trading with the Native Americans, goods and services
 - *Culture*: Changes in technology and transportation, families, family trees and diverse Native American cultures

SPECIALS

MUSIC: *(3x per week for 30 minutes)*

- Read, sing and play simple rhythms using instruments
- Sing and play a variety of musical genres, including hymns and worship music
- Memorize selected songs for performance

TECHNOLOGY:

- Access technology as a tool
- Be trained in the use of that technology
- Introduce computer ethics from a Christian perspective

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

- Learn the basics of Christ-like teamwork
- Work on locomotor skills such as running, jumping and galloping
- Learn manipulative skills such as underhand and overhand throwing, catching, dribbling and kicking

- Learn movement concepts such as space awareness, speed and directions
- Understand rule etiquette and safety for all
- Play a variety of games related to skills

ART: *(1x per week for 45 minutes)*

- Use a variety of art media such as crayons, markers, oil pastels, watercolor paint, collage and clay
- Learn elements of art (line, shape, color, texture, form, value and space)
- Study famous artists and develop vocabulary to discuss and critique famous art
- All art lessons will be taught through a biblical lens in which students understand God is the first and greatest creator, artistic talent comes from God and art can be used to praise God