



Enrichment

Physical Education

Students will develop self-confidence and physical fitness during physical education. Focus will be placed on games and activities that develop small and large motor skills.

Music

Students will participate in singing class songs. They will use rhythm instruments to demonstrate tempos and rhythm. Students will listen to music and identify the instruments used. They will also study the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Computer

Through the use of lecture, research, discussion, and participation in collaborative and individual projects students will utilize the paint and draw tools to create a slideshow. They will practice basic word processing skills. Students will create files and graphic organizers.

Reading Counts!

FCS uses the Scholastic Reading Counts program. Students select from a wide variety of books in their assigned reading levels and, after reading the books, take computerized quizzes. In order to make book selection easier, our library books are color-coded to match corresponding reading levels in the Reading Counts program.

Homework

Homework is a vital part of the learning process. Assignments are designed to extend or reinforce concepts learned in class. A homework folder will be handed out each Monday. Completed homework should be returned in the folder on Friday. Math homework is assigned most evenings. In addition to regular homework first graders should be reading 15-20 minutes 4-5 nights per week. If your child is spending an excessive amount of time completing homework, please contact your child's teacher.

Research/Projects

Science

A variety of hands on projects will be completed in class. In addition, each student will write a short report on an animal.

Field Trips

Selected field trips are scheduled throughout the year to enhance the curriculum and provide enrichment opportunities.

Additional Programs

Piano and String Instrument Lessons

Piano and string instrument (violin, viola, and cello) lessons are offered for students in 1st through 8th grade. There are two piano recitals in January and May. Every spring our school also participates in the ACSI Piano Festival.

ACSI Activities

The Association of Christian Schools International offers opportunities for students to participate in activities with students from other local Christian Schools. Activities include a spelling bee, speech meet, and art festival.

This brochure is designed to give an overview of the curriculum taught at Foothill Christian School. The depth of each subject taught goes far beyond this brief description. For further insight, you may contact your child's teacher.

Foothill Christian School



First Grade Curriculum Overview



FOOTHILL
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Decidedly Academic. Distinctively Christian.

The mission of Foothill Christian School is to provide families with a Christ-centered, biblically-directed education which encourages the development of a personal relationship with God and which instills the vision and practice of excellence in academics, character and service to God and others.



Language Arts

Reading

- ✚ Understand the basic features of reading including phonics, letter patterns, and syllabication and apply this knowledge to achieve fluent oral and silent reading
- ✚ Read and understand grade-level material drawing upon a variety of comprehension strategies as needed
- ✚ Read and respond to a wide variety of significant works of children's literature; distinguish between the structural features of the text and the literary terms or elements (e.g., theme, plot, setting, characters)

Writing

- ✚ Write clear, coherent sentences and paragraphs that develop a central idea; writing shows they consider the audience and purpose
- ✚ Utilize the writing process including organization, revising, and editing
- ✚ Writing applications: brief narratives and descriptions

Listening and Speaking

- ✚ Deliver brief recitations and oral presentations demonstrating an age-appropriate command of standard English conventions
- ✚ Speak in a manner that guides the listener to understand important ideas by using proper phrasing, pitch, and modulation

English Conventions

- ✚ Mechanics: identify and apply the correct rules for grade-level punctuation
- ✚ Grammar: Use nouns, verbs, and adjectives
- ✚ Sentence Structure: Use simple sentences
- ✚ Identify and use new spelling and vocabulary

Mathematics

Number Sense

- ✚ Understand and use numbers up to 100
- ✚ Demonstrate the meaning of addition and subtraction and use these operations to solve problems
- ✚ Identify place value of ones, tens, and hundreds places

Algebra and Functions

- ✚ Use number sentences with operational symbols and expressions to solve problems

Measurement and Geometry

- ✚ Use direct comparison and nonstandard units to describe the measurements of objects
- ✚ Identify common geometric figures, classify them by common attributes, and describe their relative position or their location in space

Statistics, Data Analysis, and Probability

- ✚ Organize, represent, and compare data by category on simple graphs and charts
- ✚ Sort objects and create and describe patterns by numbers, shapes, sizes, rhythms, or colors

Mathematical Reasoning

- ✚ Make decisions about how to set up problems
- ✚ Solve problems and justify their reasoning

Science

Students will use hands-on activities to explore and observe. Students will study the needs of plants and animals and how those needs are met. They will discover the mysteries of magnetism. They will also explore weather and the Earth's land and water. Proper hygiene and nutrition will be discussed. Students will use the scientific method to observe and investigate.

History

Students in grade one will identify the rights and responsibilities of citizens; they will recognize the varied backgrounds of individuals. Students will understand the symbols, icons, and traditions of the United States. Students will compare and contrast everyday life in different times and places around the world.

Bible

Bible is taught as a separate subject, but is also integrated into all aspects of curriculum and campus life. The children learn, through their years at Foothill, the importance of their Christian faith and the value of serving others. We want all of our students to know the Lord on a personal level so that when they leave Foothill, they will be equipped to live a discerning lifestyle that honors God.

First grade students will study the days of creation and important Old and New Testament individuals.

First grade is demonstrating FAITH IN ACTION by collecting pennies for Pennies for Peace, an organization helping girls in Afghanistan receive a good education.

The Association of Christian Schools International has recognized the FAITH IN ACTION program at FCS as an exemplary program.