

1st Grade Class Profile

Mrs. Brenda Clifton

Academic Milestones

- Learning to be responsible for studying and doing weeknight homework
- Taking tests on a regular basis
- Writing a paragraph
- Answering questions in complete sentences
- Preparing and presenting an oral report/project in front of the class
- Learning songs and chants as well as creating models and projects that relate to a specific area of study
- Mastering single digit addition and subtraction facts
- Learning special sounds in phonics and applying rules of spelling in written work
- Recognizing and understanding parts of speech
- Forming letters correctly in penmanship
- Reading with more fluency and expression
- Begin first year of science

Special Field Trips

- Okefenokee Swamp Park – Waycross, GA
- Georgia Sea Turtle Center – Jekyll Island, GA
- Beach Walk & Seining – Jekyll Island, GA
- Telephone Monument – Jekyll Island, GA
- US Post Office (during writing letters lesson) – St. Simons Island, GA
- Brunswick Public Library – Brunswick, GA
- Trips that relate to literature books students are reading
- Morning Belle Farms
- Sapelo Island
- Speakers who have traveled around the world, dental hygienist, local authors, etc.

Teacher Profile

- SSCS Teacher since 2017
- 41 years elementary teaching experience in Christian and public schools
- Master and Education Specialist in Early Childhood Education
- B.S. in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education
- Certifications: Elementary Education; Early Childhood with a concentration in Reading Instruction
- Church Home: Frederica Baptist Church
- *Georgia TOTY Finalist (2000), Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (2003), Fulbright Scholar to Japan (2005), extensive mission volunteer assignments.*

1st Grade Curriculum

Bible

Students learn that God has a purpose for His people, which continues throughout history. The main emphasis is on the Old Testament, yet briefly discusses Christ's life. Students learn memory verses.

Saxon Math

The Saxon 2 math curriculum includes addition, subtraction, introduction to multiplication (0-5's), story problems, telling time to the minute, counting by 1, 2, 5, 10, counting money, calendar, etc.

Language Arts

The phonics reading program includes writing skills, reading, and spelling. Emphasis is on the correct formation of letters, proper pronunciation of letter and blend sounds, spelling by combining letter sounds and reading phonetically. Students read literature books such as *Curious George* and *Frog and Toad are Friends*.

Grammar

The Shurley Grammar curriculum includes usage of jingles, chanting, and a question and answer flow that teaches students to identify parts of speech such as nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, and articles.

Geography

Students learn of various landforms in Georgia and throughout the world. Students study continents and oceans, as well as American and the State of Georgia symbols such as the flag and the bald eagle. They read 12 biographies about famous Americans -George Washington, Betsy Ross, and Helen Keller.

Science

The science program starts students on the path of scientific inquiry with an introduction to the senses, heat, sound, animals, and human bodies – representing God as the Creator of all things. Instruction includes the use of pattern recognition, games, discussion, and hands-on student activities. They read 6 life cycle books about animals such as frogs and butterflies.

Art

Students discover the elements of art as they work on two dimensional and three dimensional projects.

Music

The music program encourages students in their singing while it also recognizes attributes of God and how singing is a form of praise.

Physical Education

The physical education program helps students develop their gross motor skills, learn game skills, and grow in their understanding of honoring God in athletic competition.

Computer Lab

They play computer games to enrich their math lessons. They type their spelling words and make Word Finds to help them remember how to spell their words.



1st Grade Literature List

The following is the list of adopted titles used in the First Grade reading program. (Although certain titles are assigned to specific grades, when necessary, teachers may use titles from the list above or below their grades.) Students will read about 30 books during the year.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
<i>A Birthday for Frances</i>	Hoban
<i>Chair for My Mother</i>	Williams
<i>A Tree is Nice</i>	Udry
<i>Bears Vacation, The</i>	Berenstain
<i>Bedtime for Frances</i>	Hoban
<i>Betsy and Billy</i>	Haywood
<i>Blaze & the Lost Quarry</i>	Anderson
<i>Blueberries for Sal</i>	McCloskey
<i>Bread & Jam for Frances</i>	Hoban
<i>Caps for Sale</i>	Slobodkin
<i>Cat Who Wore a Hat On Her Head</i>	Slopian
<i>Corduroy</i>	Freeman
<i>Curious George</i>	Rey
<i>Emperor's New Clothes</i>	Anderson
<i>Frederick</i>	Lionni
<i>Frog and Toad Are Friends</i>	Lobel
<i>Frog and Toad Together</i>	Lobel
<i>Imogene's Antlers</i>	Small
<i>Ira Sleeps Over</i>	Waber
<i>Little Bear</i>	Minarik
<i>Little Bear's Visit</i>	Minarik
<i>Little Engine That Could</i>	Piper
<i>Little House, The</i>	Burton
<i>Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth</i>	Bate
<i>Little Red Hen, The</i>	Galdone
<i>Madeline</i>	Bemelmans
<i>Magic Fish, The</i>	Littledale
<i>Meet Babar and His Family</i>	DeBrunhoff
<i>Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel</i>	Burton
<i>Nate the Great and the Lost List</i>	Sharmot
<i>New Coat for Anna</i>	Ziefert
<i>Oxcart Man, The</i>	Hall
<i>Stone Soup</i>	Brown
<i>Velveteen Rabbit, The</i>	Williams
<i>Whistle for Willie</i>	Keats

A Beka Books:

Fun with Pets
Tiptoes
Stepping Stones

Recommendations for reading at home:

Dr. Seuss books
Henry & Mudge books
Sight Word books
Books that have word families (rhyming words)

Handbook for Reading