

FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The grade one program includes the classes below. Elective courses that can be added are detailed in our [course catalog](#).

CORE CLASSES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Learners will research and write about an animal, learn that citizenship begins with becoming a contributing member of a classroom community and write an opinion blog post about choices. They will use their skills to complete a final writing piece.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Learners begin the year studying healthy online habits. Next they will learn about responsibility and following rules within a community as well as exploring family traditions and national landmarks. Learners also nominate a good helper in their community, create their own family coat of arms and create their own travel poster.

SCIENCE

Learners explore light and sound waves, plant life cycles, animal characteristics and space systems. The course examines three science careers: a photographer, a conservationist and an astronomer. Learners actively explore how light is used to communicate, observe plant growth, compare animal sounds and track patterns of the sun and moon.

MATH

Math 1 is a balance of conceptual understanding, procedural skills, and mathematical fluency and application. The course focuses on numbers to 100, place value, addition and subtraction within 20, measurement, interpreting data, and composing and partitioning shapes.

SPECIALS

ART

Learners explore and create art inspired by famous artists, including Cezanne, Matisse, Klee, Kandinsky, Monet and Miro. They learn how color reflects mood and how nature inspires artists. Learners use the elements and principles of art to create a variety of projects and learn how to reflect on their art to make improvements. They participate in discussions and live classroom sessions with the teacher and classmates to discuss, make and explore art together.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

This course provides learners with the knowledge and skills to live a healthy life. Topics include motor skill development, exercise and the body, nutrition, what it means to be healthy and how to be safe.

MUSIC

The course focuses on elements of music: timbre, rhythm, melody, expression, form and texture. Each unit engages learners in listening, reading, composing, arranging, performing, analyzing and describing music. Learners experience various musical genres, composers and performances from around the world. Learners can also participate in live classroom sessions with the teacher and classmates to discover, collaborate and explore the world of music.

SUCCESS SKILLS FOR LEARNERS

Learners build academic, social and emotional skills through a variety of learner-focused videos, stories, discussions, games and activities. Each unit introduces essential life skills, such as managing emotions, building empathy, self-exploration or problem-solving. Each unit also includes early explorations for college and career readiness.



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