



IVY CLASSICAL
ACADEMY

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IN FIRST GRADE
our students read:

Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi
Stories of Winnie-the-Pooh
Aesop's Fables
"Sleeping Beauty"
"The Frog Prince"
"The Princess and the Pea"
"Lon Po Po"

IN FIRST GRADE
our students memorize:

"My Shadow" by Robert Louis
Stevenson
"The Owl and the Pussycat" by
Edward Lear
"Washington" by Nancy Byrd
Turner
The First Paragraph of the
Declaration of Independence
"Yankee Doodle"

FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM

IN FIRST GRADE LITERACY ESSENTIALS our students will:

- keep orthography and spelling notebooks as they continue to learn to write
- practice reading for at least 30 minutes each day
- complete Primary Phonics and begin the 100 books of "Uncontrolled Readers"
- read texts at increasing levels of difficulty

IN FIRST GRADE LITERATURE our students will read or listen to:

- listen to and discuss Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi
- read and recite short poems such as "Hope" by Langston Hughes
- hear classic stories such as "Rapunzel," "Rumpelstiltskin," "Tom Thumb," and "Puss-in-Boots"
- learn basic literary terms such as characters, heroes, heroines, theater, stage, etc.

IN FIRST GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY our students will:

- identify the oceans, continents, the hemispheres, and the poles
- study an overview of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
- learn about Ancient Near Eastern civilizations including Mesopotamia and Egypt
- study early civilizations of the Americas such as the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas

IN FIRST GRADE MATH our students will:

- add and subtract tens and ones, and count by tens and ones to 100
- identify the basic geometric shapes
- understand the basics of fractions, working with halves and fourths
- learn how to count money and make change

IN FIRST GRADE SCIENCE our students will:

- study the properties of matter: solid, liquid, gas
- understand the interdependence between living things and their environment
- study the various systems of the human body: skeletal, muscular, etc.
- learn the names of the heavenly bodies in our solar system

IN FIRST GRADE ART our students will:

- recognize famous portraits like the Mona Lisa, Whistlejacket, and Van Gogh's self-portrait
- study and identify the major works of art and architecture in ancient Egypt
- draw, sketch, and paint simple still lifes and human faces

IN FIRST GRADE MUSIC our students will:

- become familiar with basic elements of music through participation
- be introduced to basic musical notation
- recognize that music can tell a story: opera, ballet, etc.