

# First Grade English Language Arts

## Students in first grade will:

### course objectives

- Demonstrate the ability to read grade-level texts with accuracy and fluency.
- Understand key ideas and details in literature.
- Identify key ideas, character, and settings in stories and informational texts.
- Use phonics and word recognition strategies to decode unfamiliar words.
- Demonstrate understanding of spoken language by responding to questions and participating in discussions.
- Produce clear and coherent writing, including opinion pieces, narratives, and informative/explanatory texts.

## Grades

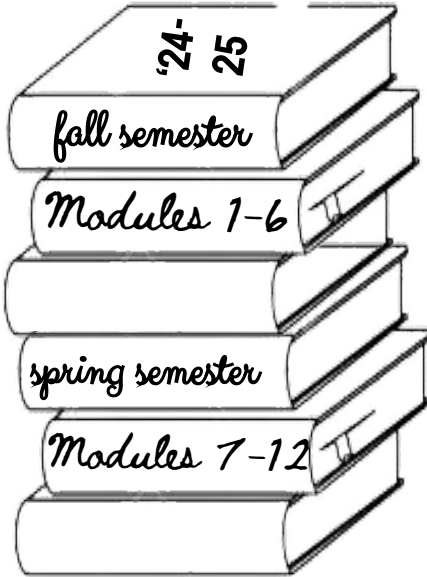
Grades can be found  
In Powerschool.

You may login to view your  
child's grade at any time.

## COMMUNICATION

First grade can be contacted through Class  
Dojo or email.

If you have questions or concerns about  
policies, procedures, or your child's grade,  
please contact your child's teacher.



## Course Overview:

Students in first grade will embark on a journey to develop foundational literacy skills. We will focus on reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, phonics, writing, speaking, and listening. First grade ELA/Reading is designed to help students become confident, enthusiastic readers and communicators.

### grading categories

Students are assessed with weekly reading, spelling, and comprehension tests, as well as participation and Dibels benchmarks.

### Expectations

- Be respectful and kind to others.
- Stay on task and give your best effort.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Complete all assignments on time.
- Follow directions and classroom rules.

## CURRICULUM

**Into Reading**  
Houghton-Mifflin  
Harcourt

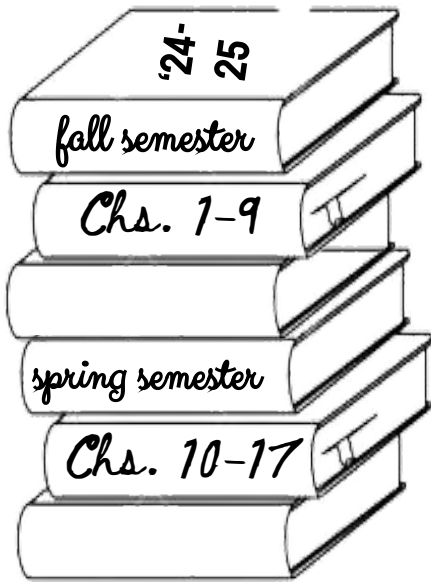
## ARTS

- Andy Goldsworthy
- Stage Directions
- Andy Warhol
- Wassily Kandinsky
- Watercolors
- Primary & Secondary colors



# First Grade Math

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## course objectives

### Students in first grade will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of addition and subtraction within 20.
- Build number sense with whole numbers and understand place value up to 120.
- Learn to solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
- Understand basic shapes, their attributes, and simple geometric relationships
- Explore measurement, telling time, and working with money.
- Begin to collect, organize, and interpret data.

## Grades

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## COMMUNICATION

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## Course Overview:

This course provides students with foundational mathematical concepts aligned with the Pennsylvania Common Core standards. Using the *Go-Math!* Curriculum, students will engage in hands-on activities, problem-solving, and collaborative learning to build a strong base in number sense, operations, measurement, geometry, money, and data interpretation.

## grading categories

Students are assessed with end of chapter tests as well as class participation and Dibels benchmarks.

## Expectations

- Be respectful and kind to others.
- Stay on task and give your best effort.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Complete all assignments on time.
- Follow directions and classroom rules.

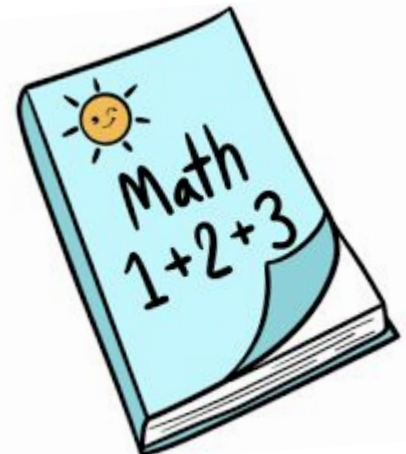
## CURRICULUM

### Go Math

Houghton-Mifflin  
Harcourt

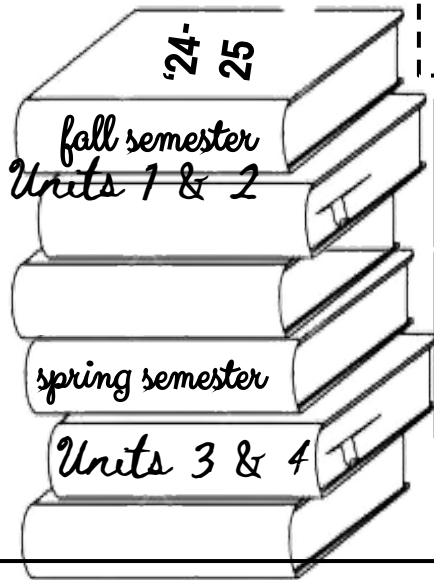
## ARTS

- Andy Warhol
- Piet Mondrian
- Element of Value in 2D/3D Shapes
- Element of Lines
- Primary colors
- Pop-Art



# First Grade Science

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## Course Overview:

This course will follow the *Inspire Science* curriculum, which integrates hands-on activities, investigations, and engineering challenges to spark curiosity in young students. Aligned with the Pennsylvania Common Core Standards, students will develop foundational knowledge of life science, earth science, physical science, and engineering through inquiry-based learning.

## course objectives

### Students in first grade will:

- Develop and understanding of key scientific concepts through exploration and inquiry
- Apply scientific practices such as asking questions, making predictions, conducting experiments, and communicating results
- Explore relationships between living things, their environments, and physical phenomena such as light, sound, and weather
- Engage in cross-cutting concepts to connect science to real-world experiences

## Grades

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You may login to view your child's grade at any time.

\*these skills will be an ongoing process throughout the year\*

## COMMUNICATION

First grade can be contacted through Class Dojo or email.

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## grading categories

Students will be assessed through various activities including **classwork** and **participation** in daily class. Activities include hands on learning, STEM activities, and project based learning.

## Expectations

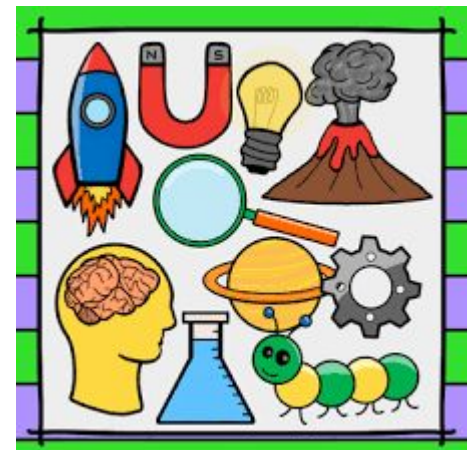
- Be respectful and kind to others.
- Stay on task and give your best effort.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Complete all assignments on time.
- Follow directions and classroom rules.

## CURRICULUM

**Inspire Science**  
McGraw Hill

## ARTS

- Tyree Guyton
- Warm & Cool colors
- Andy Goldsworthy





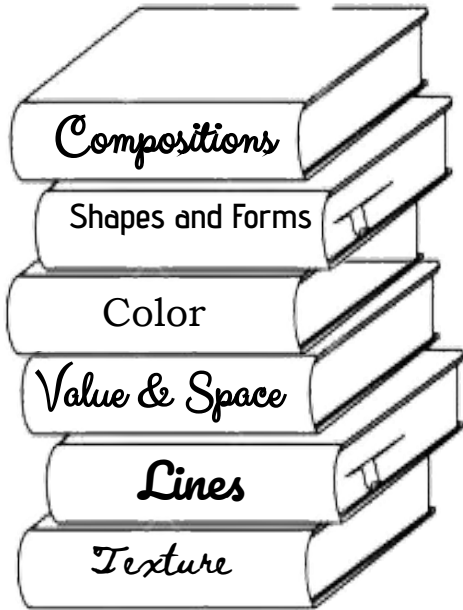


# First Grade Art

with Ms. Hack  
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course objectives

Students in first grade will learn about the color wheel and focus on the elements and principles of art. Art projects will be integrated with their Social Studies, Math, ELA and Science classes whenever possible.



## GRADES

Students will receive one of the following:

P- Progressing  
MS- Meets Standards  
ES- Exceeds Standards

Grades are based on effort, execution, creativity.

## COMMUNICATION

Ms. Hack can be contacted through Class Dojo or email. If you have questions or concerns about policies, procedures, or your grade, please contact me.

Some of the things we will practice: art vocabulary, drawing, tracing, cutting and gluing to make a collage, patterns, watercolor, weaving, Pointillism, clay work, stamping, etching, chalk, collaboration projects and tempera painting

## HIGHLIGHTED ARTISTS:

Wassily Kandinsky

Pablo Picasso

Georges Seurat

Yayoi Kusama

Claude Monet

Vincent Van Gogh

Georgia O'Keeffe



# First Grade P.E.

with Mr. Kraemer

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## COURSE OBJECTIVES

Build on basic locomotor skills, focusing on balance, coordination, and movement control. Use pursuit-and-evade games to work on speed and direction changes, and mini-volleyball to practice teamwork and tracking. Continue reinforcing foundational skills such as throwing, kicking, and catching, with activities that encourage safe play and cooperation. Incorporate jump rope and simple net/wall games to promote spatial awareness and rhythm.

## GRADES

For their overall evaluation and assessment, students will see a grade on their report card at the end of the second and fourth semester and will receive one of the following over grades:

- **ES** = Exceeds Standards
- **MS** = Meets Standards
- **P** = Proficient
- **NI** = Needs Improvement

## COMMUNICATION

Mr. Kraemer can be contacted through Class Dojo or email. If you have questions or concerns about policies, procedures, or your grade, please contact me.

Please graciously allow 24 hours for me to get back to you about any questions/concerns you have. If you don't hear back from me, please try again. Occasionally, things get lost in the shuffle.

## GRADING CATEGORIES

Grades are based on the following:

- Being **READY** for class (on time in proper gym clothing and running shoes)
- **PARTICIPATING** in the games and activities
- Showing their best best **EFFORT**
- Having a positive and good **ATTITUDE**
- Demonstrating good, kind and respectful **BEHAVIOR**

## FILMS

Short clips or YouTube videos, may be shown in this class to help our visual learners with whatever skill, activity or game is taught.

## FOOD

Food is not allowed in the gymnasium and this includes gum.

Water is permitted in the gymnasium during class and we highly encourage students to bring their own water bottles to stay well hydrated throughout the class.



# First Grade Health

with Mr. Kraemer

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course objectives

This year, students will be exploring how their bodies work and learning essential ways to care for them. Through engaging lessons, they will gain a deeper understanding of their body's functions and discover healthy habits that will help them grow strong and stay well.

## Grades

Grades will be given twice a year during the second and fourth quarter report cards.

## COMMUNICATION

Mr. Kraemer can be contacted through Class Dojo or email.

If you have questions or concerns about policies, procedures, or your grade, please contact me.

grading categories

Physical fitness and hygiene, nutrition, bones and muscles, winter safety, emotions, and the heart.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

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Cheating occurs whenever a student attempts to take credit for someone else's effort, that includes copying or paraphrasing from the internet. **Any student found cheating will have to redo the entire assignment as homework.**

film

Films, or clips of films, may be shown in this class.

food

Food is not permitted during class.

## PERFORMANCE TASKS

Discussion based assessment tasks.

## COURSEWORK

Games and worksheets will be completed during class.



latework

# First Grade Dance

with Ms. Elliott

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course objectives

First-grade students will explore different dance styles, like jazz and cultural dance, to learn about different cultures and how people express themselves through movement. They will improve coordination and motor skills through fun, active dancing, while also learning about careers in dance by trying out forms like ballet, hip hop, and folk dance. Dance styles such as ballroom and modern contemporary, along with creative storytelling through dance, will help them understand and enjoy these new concepts.

DANCE

Jazz

Hip Hop

Ballet

Cultural Dance

Improv

Ballroom

## Grades

Dance grades will be incorporated into their overall Physical Education grade, seamlessly blending their progress in dance with their development in physical movement and coordination.

## COMMUNICATION

Ms. Elliott can be contacted through Class Dojo or email.

If you have questions or concerns about policies, procedures, or your grade, please contact me.

grading categories

Participation, Movement skills, Rhythm and Timing, Creativity Expression, Cultural Understanding, Collaboration

film

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food

Food is **not** permitted during dance class.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

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## PERFORMANCE TASKS

Class performance  
Reflection  
Improv activity

## COURSEWORK

Warm-Up Exercises  
Movement Patterns  
Dance Genre Exploration  
Cultural Connections  
Creative Movement

latework





# First Grade Music

with Mrs. Smith

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with Mr. Garee

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*course objectives*

Students will explore music through steady beat, call and response songs, expression, classroom instruments, and performance.

## MUSICIANS

Call & Response

Beats

Note value

Meter

Instruments

Style & Composers

## GRADES

Students will see a grade on their report card at the end of each semester using a NI (needs improvement), P (proficient), MS (meet standards), or ES (exceeds standards) for evaluation.

## COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Smith can be contacted through Class Dojo or email. If you have questions or concerns about policies, procedures, or your grade, please contact me.

*grading categories*

Students are evaluated by visual and aural assessment during music class.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

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*film*

Films, or clips of films, may be shown in this class.

*food*

Food is not allowed in the music classroom. Water bottles filled with water only are allowed.

## OFFICE HOURS

Please use DOJO or email and allow for 24 hours for me to get back to you!



# First Grade Spanish

with Señora Correa  
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course objectives

Students will explore Spanish language and culture with basic words and useful phrases, songs, hands-on activities, and peer interaction through steady repetition and practice, and getting information on aspects of Spanish culture and traditions.

## Grades

Students will see a grade on their report card at the end of each semester using an ES (exceeds standards), MS (meets standards), P (proficient), NI (needs improvement) for evaluation.

## COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Correa -Señora- can be contacted through Class Dojo or email. If you have questions or concerns about policies, procedures, or your grade, please contact me.

grading categories

Students are evaluated by visual and aural assessment when repeating the Spanish words as we learn, by participating and showing effort in their work during Spanish class.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

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film

Films, or clips of films in Spanish may be shown in this class.

food

Food is not allowed during Spanish class. Only water bottles filled with water are allowed.



## OFFICE HOURS

Please, use DOJO or email for communication, and allow for 24 hours for me to get back to you. Thank you.

# First Grade Theater

with Ms. Cat  
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## ACTORS

Comedies

Heroes/Villians

Voices

Body language

Moral

Fairy Tales

course objectives

Students explore the basic fundamentals of acting, and how actors use their imaginations to bring characters on paper to life for an audience. Students act and perform scene work with partners, as well as play in improvisational skits. Students journey through the different stages of theatre history.

## GRADES

Students will see a grade on their report card at the end of each semester using a NI (needs improvement), P (proficient), MS (meet standards), or ES (exceeds standards) for evaluation.

## COMMUNICATION

Mr. Gallagher/Ms. Cat can be contacted through Class Dojo or email.

If you have questions or concerns about policies, procedures, or your grade, please contact me.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

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grading categories

Students are evaluated by practice and performance and will be assessed on the following criterias; participation in class, and knowledge of vocabulary/content.

film

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food

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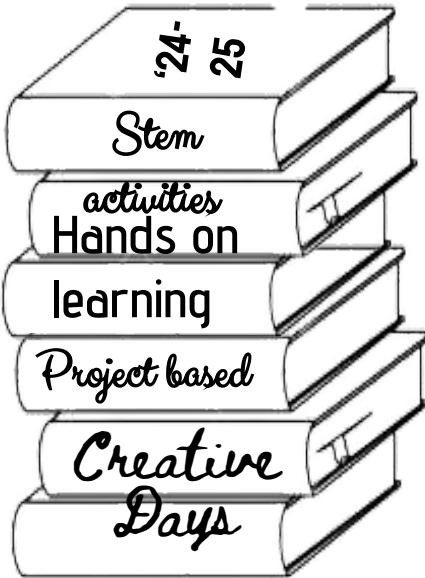
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# ENRICHMENT

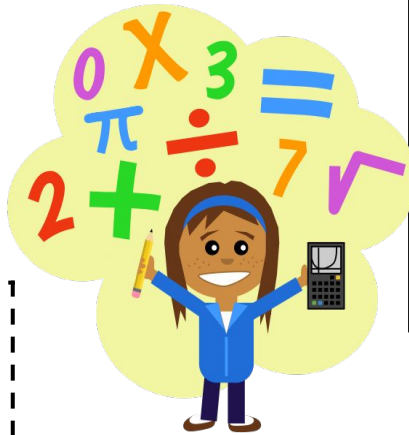
## Enrichment

with Mrs. Walaan

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Enrichment groups are based off benchmark assessments, teacher input, and classroom grades. Teachers review data and groups are subject to change based on student need. Each grade level meets four times per week for 30 minutes. I work closely with grade level teachers to ensure that students are being engaged and challenged through higher level activities, projects, STEM activities, and the arts. All academic areas are incorporated into lessons but the main focus lies with reading and math.



### COMMUNICATION

Email: [karie.walaan@badenacademy.org](mailto:karie.walaan@badenacademy.org)

- I am listed on all classroom teachers Dojo.
- I will respond within 24 hours unless otherwise noted.

### ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

**Cheating will not be tolerated.**

Cheating occurs whenever a student attempts to take credit for someone else's effort, that includes copying or paraphrasing from the internet. In this class, the students will learn how to cite sources they use for a project.



Films, or clips of films, may be shown in this class.

**Come to class ready to learn, engaged, and full of curiosity!**

### CURRICULUM

**Reading:**  
HMH Into Reading.

**Math:**  
Go Math.

