

# A Day in the Life of a 1st Grader



Resurrection School, Sunnyvale, CA

## Sample Monday and Tuesday schedules

In first grade we use standards based grading and report cards. Our specials include Library time, computer lab instruction, art, music, Spanish, and P.E. twice a week.

Monday Schedule	
8:00 - 8:10	Morning Prayer and Flag Salute - School Wide Morning Routine
8:10 - 10:00	Language Arts
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Spanish</i>
10:30 - 10:45	Recess
10:45 - 11:45	Math
11:45 - 12:15	Religion
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	<i>Art</i>
2:00 - 2:50	Science
2:50 - 3:00	Prayer/Pack Up/Dismissal

Tuesday Schedule	
8:00 - 8:10	Morning Prayer and Flag Salute - School Wide Morning Routine
8:10 - 8:40	Language Arts
8:40 - 9:10	<i>P.E.</i>
9:10 - 10:30	Language Arts
10:30 - 10:45	Recess
10:45 - 11:45	Math
11:45 - 12:15	Language Arts
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Language Arts
2:00 - 2:50	Social Studies
2:50 - 3:00	Prayer/Pack Up/Dismissal



### Language Arts

- 1) Preparing to Read: Phonics, Phonemic awareness, Sounds and letters, Word knowledge
- 2) Reading and Responding: Authentic literature, Comprehension, Inquiry and investigation, Practical reading applications
- 3) Language Arts and Writing: Spelling, Vocabulary, Writing process strategies, Writer's craft, Grammar, usage & mechanics, Listening, speaking & viewing, Penmanship

*Textbook: Open Court Reading*

Step Up To Writing introduces students to the language of writing. It shows students how to get actively involved with reading, how to write organized paragraphs and stories, and it provides solid sentence-writing activities at the primary level. Step Up To Writing is used at Resurrection School in 1st through 8th grades.

*Textbook: Open Court Reading*

### Math

In first grade, our students learn addition through 20, subtraction through 20, geometry and measurements, place value, money, telling time, fractions, two place addition and subtraction, problem solving, exploring large numbers, critical thinking, visual thinking, and decision thinking.

*Textbook: MacMillan/McGraw-Hill California*

### Religion

Our program helps children to explore their Catholic faith, develop morally, and grow in religious understanding and practice. Supplemental lessons are taught during the school year evolving around various Saints Feast Days and liturgical celebrations. Prayers are introduced and mastered during the school year: The Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, Guardian Angel Prayer, grace before meals, and grace after meals.

*Textbook: Silver Burdett - Blest Are We Benziger Family Life Series*

### Social Studies

The "Reflections - A Child's View" program helps the students to understand the concept of community, such as school, town and country, city and suburb, and the big world. Map skills, time lines, charts and diagrams are introduced.

*Textbook: Harcourt Brace*

### Science

The science program is organized to provide instruction in life, earth, and physical science. Units include:

- Living Together, Plants and Animals - Life Science
- Matter, Energy and Forces - Physical Science
- About Our Earth, Weather and Seasons - Earth Science

*Textbook: Scott Foresman California Science*

### Technology Education/Integration

In 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, we have one iPad for every student and we use them in small groups with applications for math and language arts. Lessons in our computer lab include mouse control and an introduction to computer terminology. Alphabet Express helps students identify given letters and words beginning with those letters, and helps reinforce the letter of the week used in the classroom. Students are also introduced to word processing skills by copying phrases and words from the whiteboard into a word document.

### Spanish

Twice a week students participate in a conversational Spanish class. At this introductory level, songs, basic greetings, colors, numbers, animals, and body parts are covered.