

## Grade One Overview

### Classroom Experience:

At King's, students experience integrated, interdisciplinary classes and labs with engaging, enriching curriculum through differentiated instruction and team teaching.

**Specialists:** Technology, Spanish, Vocal Music, Health Sciences and Physical Education, Art, Life Skills, Library

**Student/Teacher Ratio:** 20:1

**School Day:** 8:15am - 2:45pm

Morning Recess	15 minutes
Lunch/Recess	25 minutes/30 minutes
Afternoon Recess	15 minutes

### First Grade Distinctive:

King's Kids become confident, self-directed learners ready to solve the real-world challenges set before them. Students cultivate a love for learning through hands-on, inquiry learning adventures. Parents experience the classroom alongside their children through social media.

### Spiritual Life:

- **Bible:** Emphasis is on having a personal relationship with Christ and learning life-application of God's Word.
- **Bible Memorization:** Emphasis is on children committing Bible verses to memory that are integrated through the story of creation and Old Testament Bible heroes.
- **KIDS Praise:** Emphasis is on student leadership in a weekly worship environment with exposure to Christian beliefs through guest pastors from the community.
- **KING'S KIDS:** Emphasis is on Respect, Cooperation, Empathy and Responsibility.

## Academic Life:

### Communication

- **Literacy:** Emphasis is on interacting with complex informational texts, literature, developing academic vocabulary, comprehension, using text evidence to support ideas, close reading, differentiation strategies and inspiring a love for reading
- **Spelling:** Emphasis is on an explicit systematic study of phonetic and structural spelling patterns.
- **Writing:** Emphasis is on developing young authors who learn and apply the fundamentals of grammar, mechanics and sentence structure.
- **Listening/Speaking:** Emphasis is on public speaking, dialoging, retelling, inferring, collaborating, discussing, summarizing, clarifying, and presentation skills.
- **Library:** Emphasis is on developing familiarity with library procedures, arrangement, parts of a book, recognizing patterns and sequences, and developing a love for books.
- **Spanish:** Emphasis is on developing the skills to speak and understand Spanish words and phrases and a love for language through music, games, activities and stories.

### STEM

- **Science:** Emphasis is on building awareness that God created the heavens and the earth, through the study of matter, earth and space, physical forces, and the human body.
- **Technology:** Emphasis is on mastery of the painting and writing programs while creating an animation project. Students experience technology through the SmartBoard, iPads, and multi-media presentations to cultivate creativity.
- **Engineering:** Emphasis is on engineering and programming using class sets of WeDo robotic kits, netbooks, and iPads. Students become engineers by designing, constructing, implementing and systematizing.
- **Mathematics:** Emphasis is on conceptual understanding, skill development, strategies for problem solving, attitudes towards math and metacognition. Students will build a solid foundation of math with the use of concrete, pictorial and abstract mathematical concepts. Our focus will be on addition, subtraction, tens, ones, geometric shapes, counting, pattern and measurement.

### Social Sciences

- **Social Studies:** Emphasis is on learning about how God specially made each child, each family, and the world around us; Native Americans, mapping skills, famous Americans, and national holidays.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:** Emphasis is on skill development, physical fitness, and the knowledge to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Games and activities are used for integrating physical activity, character building, skill improvement, and enjoyment of the active bodies God has given students.
- **Life Skills and Social Responsibility:** Emphasis is on respecting others and treating others the way they would want to be treated. Students learn to stand up to negative behaviors, and have empathy for those who need help.

## Fine Arts

- **Art:** Emphasis is on learning and applying various art mediums, developing an appreciation for God's beauty and design, and art literacy.
- **Vocal Music:** Emphasis is on participation in group singing, rhythmic activities and engaging musical games; reinforcing musical concepts through story, digital/visual aids, hands-on exploration of percussion instrument, and movement; development of choral and public performance skills; studying music history; and nurturing an appreciation for and enjoyment of various music styles and worship.

## Grade Activities:

- **DISCOVERY Friday:** Emphasis is on specialized labs that bring exciting, enriching, inspiring explorations in STEM for students in K-6.
- **Service:** Emphasis is on serving and helping other people; locally, regionally, and globally.
- **Extended Learning Trips:** Pacific Science Center, Children's Theater, Everett Children's Museum.
- **Events:** Fall Parent Information Night, Taproot Theatre Anti-bullying, Christmas and Spring Concerts, KIDS Praise Leadership, Hooray Day, Knights of Honor, Robotics Teams and Experience King's Open House.

## Learning Resources:

- **Bible:**
  - Enjoying God's Gifts: Positive Action for Christ.
  - The Beginners Bible: NIV Bible, Zondervan Kids.
  - Steps 2 Respect
- **Literacy: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar**
  - Journeys: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- **Spanish:**
  - Hola Ninos!: TRPS Publishing, Inc.
- **Science:**
  - Science: Harcourt Publishers.
- **Technology:**
  - Technology Education Series by Structured Learning (32 Lessons Every 1<sup>st</sup> Grader Can Accomplish On a Computer: Mavis, Edmodo.
- **Engineering:**
  - WeDo Kits, LEGO Education: class sets of netbooks and iPads.
- **Mathematics:**
  - Math in Focus, Singapore Math: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- **Social Science:**
  - A Child's View: Harcourt Publishers.
- **Life Skills:**
  - Bully Prevention Unit; Second Step: Committee For Children.

- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:**
  - Dynamic PE for Elementary School Children: Dauer & Pangraz.
  - Physical Education for Lifelong Fitness: NASPE (National Association for Sport and Physical Education).
  - Physical Fitness Games and Activities: Mary Kotnour, Parker Publishing Co.
- **Art:**
  - How Great Thou ART: Jody Coulston.
- **Vocal Music:**
  - Theory Time for First Grade: Theory Time Partners, Harcourt Foresman.
  - Junior Voice Works: by Kevin Stannard, Oxford Univ. Press.
- **Online Reference Tools:**
  - Smartboard Notebook, Discovery Streaming, Worldbook, ProQuest, Culture Grams, Grolier, Think Central, YouTube and more.