



HERITAGE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

SAPIENTIA ET VIRTUS

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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:

- Maintain orthography and spelling notebooks while advancing writing skills
- Engage in daily reading practice for a minimum of 30 minutes
- Finish Primary Phonics and start working through the 100 books in the "Uncontrolled Readers" series

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

- Hear and reflect on Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi
- Study and recite brief poems like "Hope" by Langston Hughes
- Listen to timeless tales including "Rapunzel," "Rumpelstiltskin," "Tom Thumb," and "Puss-in-Boots"
- Understand fundamental literary concepts such as characters, heroes, heroines, theater, stage, and more

IN FIRST GRADE **HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY** our students will:

- Recognize the oceans, continents, hemispheres, and poles
- Explore a summary of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
- Examine Ancient Near Eastern cultures, including Mesopotamia and Egypt
- Investigate early American civilizations like the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas

IN FIRST GRADE **MATH** our students will:

- Perform addition and subtraction with tens and ones, and count by tens and ones up to 100
- Recognize fundamental geometric shapes
- Grasp the essentials of fractions, focusing on halves and fourths
- Acquire skills to count money and calculate change

IN FIRST GRADE **SCIENCE** our students will:

- Investigate the characteristics of matter: solid, liquid, gas
- Comprehend the mutual reliance between living organisms and their surroundings
- Explore the different systems of the human body: skeletal, muscular, and more
- Memorize the names of the celestial bodies within our solar system

IN FIRST GRADE **ART** our students will:

- Identify renowned portraits such as the Mona Lisa, Whistlejacket, and Van Gogh's self-portrait
- Examine and distinguish key artworks and architectural achievements from ancient Egypt
- Create drawings, sketches, and paintings of basic still lifes and human faces

IN FIRST GRADE **MUSIC** our students will:

- Gain familiarity with fundamental music elements through active involvement
- Learn the essentials of musical notation
- Understand how music can narrate a story, as seen in opera, ballet, and similar forms