

Sacred Heart School
Language Arts
First Grade

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The first grade language arts program at Sacred Heart School provides the students with instruction in reading literature and informational text, reading foundational skills, writing, speaking and listening, and language. Through different strategies the student's needs are assessed and instruction provided.

Reading Literature and Informational Text Objectives:

The students will:

- preview and predict unfamiliar text
- use prior knowledge to aid in understanding unfamiliar text
- use reading strategies
- develop vocabulary through self-reading and read aloud
- retell stories with details and demonstrate understanding of central message
- describe characters, settings, and major events with details
- explain differences between books that tell stories and books that give information
- identify who is telling the story
- with support read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity

Reading Foundational Skills Objectives:

The students will:

- recognize the features of a sentence
- demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds
- know and apply grade level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding word
- read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension

Writing Objectives:

The students will:

- write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic, state an opinion, supply a reason, and provide some closure
- write informative text in which they name a topic, supply some facts, and provide some closure

- write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include details regarding what happened, use words to signal order, and provide some closure
- write a sequence of instructions

Speaking and Listening Objectives:

The student will:

- participate in collaborative conversations about topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups
- ask and answer relevant questions
- participate in listening activities
- produce complete sentences
- listen to learn

Language Objectives:

The student will:

- demonstrate command of standard English grammar and usage when writing and speaking
- demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- Use sentence context as a clue to the meaning of unknown words within grade 1 reading and content
- Sort and define words by category

Course Materials:

- Variety of literature
- Bradley Phonics
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Journeys
 - Teacher's Edition
 - Leveled Books
 - Student Practice Materials
 - Variety of centers and games

Instructional Strategies:

- Whole group instruction
- Small group instruction
- One on one instruction
- Individual work
- Peer partners
- Modeling
- Centers

Assessments:

- Daily work
- Observational Assessment
- Verbal Assessment
- Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)