

1st Grade Core Course Descriptions

Guided Reading	Humanities
<p>K-2 Guided Reading Courses are comprised of three significant areas of study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided Reading - Guided reading will support students with decoding and comprehension skills as they listen to and read stories and check their comprehension. The guided reading library contains hundreds of readers for levels Pre-A to assist students with confidence in reading. As a teaching tool, students will engage with the text in homogeneous subgroups with teachers. • Phonics: Foundations—Students will receive instruction in critical foundational skills, emphasizing phonemic awareness, phonics, high-frequency word study, reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension strategies, handwriting, and spelling. Foundations are combined with a core/literature-based language arts program for an integrated comprehension approach to reading and spelling. • Writing—Students will interact with writing support by using poetry, modeling of writing, and text structure to produce writing. 	<p>Year-Long Writing Focus: Genre-based Writing <i>A full list of the Anchor Texts can be found on the Supply List</i></p> <p>Unit 1: American Values Writing Focus: Explanatory Students demonstrate an understanding of symbols, icons, songs, and traditions of the United States and what each represents.</p> <p>Unit 2: Unit 2: Legends and Communities: Maya, Inca, and Aztec Writing Focus: Varied Students explore how ancient societies and civilizations adapted to and modified their environment to meet people's needs.</p> <p>Unit 3: It's a Scarce World: Economics Writing Focus: Explanatory Students concentrate on the government and community's role in providing public goods and services to the people and how those goods and services are made.</p> <p>Unit 4: Geography: Where are we? Writing Focus: Varied Students use maps and globes to interpret and demonstrate mastery of information about places and the environment. Students also demonstrate their understanding of geography by labeling maps, planning routes, and locating places on maps.</p>
Mathematics	Science
<p>SPORK BUTTERFLY B is our primary instructional resource. SPORK BUTTERFLY is a math and science integration. "Learning Math through Science." Students will gain knowledge of foundational mathematics by focusing on five key areas: operational thinking, number sense, measurement and data, geometry, and mathematical practice. Students will also develop solid mathematical practices and learn to reason abstractly and quantitatively.</p>	<p>SPORK BUTTERFLY B is our main resource for teaching science through a math-integrated approach. Built on the idea of "Learning Math through Science," the curriculum focuses on hands-on exploration and inquiry. Students engage in meaningful investigations that build both science understanding and math fluency. Each unit brings science to life through real-world, interactive learning. Topics we explore throughout the year: Living Things & Classification, Habitats & Earth Systems, Physical Science, Weather & Space, and Human Body.</p>

1st Grade School Supply List - School Year 2025-26

Items to bring to school	Items to keep at home	Class Specific Items
<input type="checkbox"/> Bookbag of your choice <input type="checkbox"/> Book bag/backpack <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket folder for homework (Provided) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Pencil Pouch packed with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencils • Glue sticks • Safety Scissors • 2 highlighters • Erasers • Crayons/markers • Dry erase markers • Index cards <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Hand Sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Face Masks <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes (label with name) to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top & bottom • Undergarments <input type="checkbox"/> Ziplock baggies (2 of each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quart • Gallon 	<input type="checkbox"/> Packages of #2 Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of loose-leaf paper <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Old worksheets <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of glue sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of colored pencils/markers <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Humanities Anchor Texts</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small; font-weight: bold; padding: 2px;">Titles are available for free on EPIC</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Unit 1 - Why Are There Stripes on the American Flag? (Martha Rustad); Willow Finds a Way (Lana Butto); Grace for President (Kelly DiPucchio). <input type="checkbox"/> Unit 2 - Tools and Treasures of the Ancient Maya (Matt Doeden) <input type="checkbox"/> Unit 3 - Producers & Consumers Story (Ellen Mitten); Working at City Hall (Lucia Raatma); My Community (J Jean Robertson); Cool Careers Series (Mrs. Hendricks); No Money? No Problem! (Lori Haskins); Where on Earth are Forest? (Bobbie Kalman) <input type="checkbox"/> Unit 4 - Where on Earth are Forest? & Where on the Earth are the Mountains (Bobbie Kalman); North South East & West Story & Keys and Symbols on Maps Story (Meg Greve); Follow the Map Story (Follow the Map Story)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE/HEALTH</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ELA</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Composition Books <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folder <p style="text-align: center;"><u>HUMANITIES</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Composition Book <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folder <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCIENCE/MATH</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Pocket Folder <input type="checkbox"/> 2-sided metric and standard to ¼ inch ruler <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Composition Book <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ELECTIVE CLASS(ES)</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Pocket Folder

*****Class sets of the Anchor Texts are provided; however, students are encouraged to purchase their copy.**