



Holy Cross Lutheran School 2007 – 2008 Curriculum

Curriculum for First Grade	Description
A Beka Reading	A Biblically based, systematic, phonetic reading program. Challenges students to read above grade level. Highly recommended by the National Right to Read Foundation, a strong supporter of phonics-based reading.
Saxon Phonics	A multi-sensory, hands-on phonics program. Saxon is best known for its unique approach in which previous material is continually reviewed and concepts grow in complexity.
Jr. Great Books	Designed for gifted and talented students, readers develop essential literacy skills such as reading comprehension, critical thinking, speaking and writing persuasively through shared inquiry and discussion. Anthologies include selections written by authors such as Robert Louis Stevenson, Brothers Grimm, and Carl Sandburg.
Shurley English	A unique, multi-sensory approach to grammar and the writing process. Students learn persuasive, narrative, descriptive, and research writing skills along with creative and journal writing.
Accelerated Reader	Provides opportunities for all children to read at their reading level. Technology based reading assessment allows for students to focus on their individual reading ability.
Saxon Math	A spiraling approach to math concepts which includes individual math manipulatives and calendar based learning. Recently updated to include technology, problem solving, and benchmark testing.
Accelerated Math	Individualized, technology based math for all learners, including remedial and gifted students.
Voyages Religion	Concordia Publishing religion curriculum for 1 st grade. Puppets, biblical figures, bible story books, and music aid in learning God's Word.
Bob Jones Science	A biblically based approach to science instruction includes hands-on learning suggestions. Students learn that God is the creator of all things as they explore concepts such as gravity, matter, plants, animals, the solar system, and weather.
Newbridge Social Studies Big Books	A shared reading approach to key concepts such as communities and the United States. Encourages independence in reading informational text.
Nystrom Block Buddies Atlas Program	Block Buddy characters help students explore neighborhoods near and far. Each student has an individual "atlas" to assist in learning essential map skills.
Spanish	Introductory Spanish includes the following topics: greetings, colors, numbers to 20, foods, clothing, the face, animals, family, and the community.

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Technology	Introduction to PowerPoint, keyboarding, and the use of computers for learning in other curricular areas.
Music	Beginning music theory, rhythm instruments, vocal music.
Physical Education	Introduction to personal physical fitness. Group activities, cooperation, rules and guidelines for fair play. Physical activity for personal enjoyment.
Art	Study of the works of selected artists. Exploration of various art mediums. The use of art to convey a message. The identification of moods or feelings expressed in art.