



All Saints' Episcopal Day School

First Grade Program Overview

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Day School

At All Saints', we provide a nurturing, faith-based education where academic growth, spiritual development, and character are equally valued. Rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition through the Anglican faith, our mission is to help each child reach their highest potential while fostering compassion, service, and a love for learning. From our youngest learners in 2K through 6th grade, we create a supportive and inclusive community where children grow in knowledge, faith, and friendship.

Curriculum Snapshot

Our 1st Grade curriculum blends engaging, research-based programs to build strong foundational skills across all core areas:

- **Reading & English Language Arts (McGraw Hill- Open Court and Guided Reading)**

A comprehensive literacy curriculum that builds foundational skills through phonics, decoding, spelling, and high-frequency words, while developing fluency, comprehension, and beginning writing skills.

- **Math (Sadlier-Progress in Mathematics and Prodigy)**

A structured mathematics program designed to develop number sense, addition/subtraction fluency, and problem-solving through scaffolded lessons.

- **Science (Scholastic, Mystery Science, Science Journals)**

A rich, inquiry-based science curriculum covering topics such as animal life cycles, the sun and moon, natural resources, and plant environments—designed to spark curiosity and hands-on learning.

- **Social Studies (Studies Weekly)**

Interactive, story-based social studies instruction that brings communities, history, and civic themes to life in engaging, elementary-friendly formats.

- **Handwriting (Zaner-Bloser)**

Time-tested handwriting instruction, teaching manuscript with attention to posture, letter formation, and motor control.



The Life of a First Grader

Life in 1st Grade at All Saints' is filled with growth, discovery, and special traditions. Each day begins with a **Morning Meeting** to foster community, followed by **Chapel twice a week** and a **Friday Spirit Assembly**, which celebrates the school community together.

The school day is centered on **core subjects**, including reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Each lesson begins with whole-group instruction and is followed by guided and independent practice, which may take the form of small-group work or individual activities.

Students enjoy a well-rounded education through special area classes each week, including **Art, Library, Music, STEM, Technology, PE, and Spanish**. They also participate in the **Accelerated Reader (AR) program**, encouraging independent reading and goal setting.

To track progress, students complete formal reading, math, and writing assessments three times a year, along with CogAT and Iowa standardized testing each spring. Every student uses a **Chromebook** to support digital literacy and classroom learning.

A highlight of the year is “**Leader Reader**”, where students proudly lead the class in a read-aloud, building confidence and presentation skills.



Special Traditions & Events

Students joyfully participate in school-wide traditions while beginning to explore grade-level events that build community, confidence, and lasting memories.

- Bowling for Subtraction
- Halloween Parade
- Trip to the Zoo
- Holiday Program
- 100th Day of School Celebration
- Grandparents’ and Special Friends Day
- Blessing of the Animals
- Valentines Day
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Wonders of Wildlife-Parks and Rec
- Metric Olympics

Each grade level participates in a **Community Service Project**: Toy/Book Drive-McLeod Hospital

Communication Pathways

We value strong partnerships with families and keep you connected to your child’s learning journey throughout the year:

- **Daily:** Homework folder with behavior calendar
- **Weekly:** Classroom newsletter with updates and upcoming events
- **Progress Reporting:** Fall and spring conferences, plus report cards beginning 2nd quarter
- **School-Wide:** *Saintly Scoop* (Wednesdays) and *All Saints’ Look Ahead* (Fridays)

Next Steps: How to Join Our All Saints’ Community

- **Admissions:** Applicants for 4K and above must undergo an admissions assessment.
- **Schedule a Visit:** We invite you to tour our campus and experience the All Saints’ community firsthand. Call our Admissions Office at **843-662-8134** to schedule a visit.
- **Learn More Online:** Visit us at [aseds.com](https://www.aseds.com) for additional details and resources.

✨ *We look forward to welcoming your family into the All Saints’ community, where learning, faith, and friendships grow together.*