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International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Our goal is to nurture a balanced learner who is well equipped with not only knowledge, but the skills and confidence necessary to succeed in our rapidly changing world. To achieve this goal, the PYP programme embeds five key essential elements into the curriculum:

- Knowledge
- Skills
- Concepts
- Attitudes
- Action



For more information about the PYP programme, visit www.ibo.org.

SUZUKI STRINGS

The first grade students have the opportunity to receive Suzuki strings (violin, cello, or guitar) instruction. This course is offered to students outside of the school day (before or after school). Participants must pay the semi-annual fee. In addition, the instruments are available to students for rent or purchase.



“SPECIALS”

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The physical education curriculum provides the programs, activities, and instruction necessary to develop healthy, lifelong, responsible citizens.

MUSIC

Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of music.

ART

The first grade art curriculum emphasizes imagination and personal experiences.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

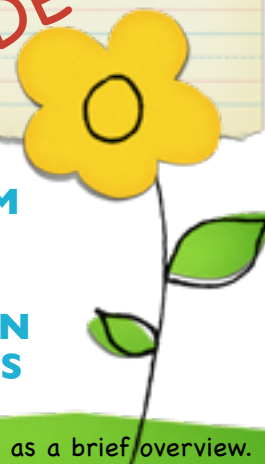
The curriculum emphasizes authentic language learning combined with cultural experiences. Each elementary school offers Spanish **OR** Chinese instruction.

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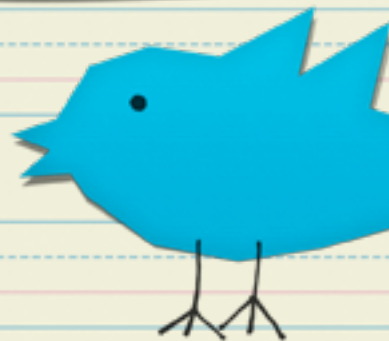
FIRST GRADE



CURRICULUM GUIDE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

This guide is intended as a brief overview. For more complete information about the Oxford Community Schools' curriculum, please visit our district website at:
www.oxfordschools.org



MATH

Using the Common Core Standards to guide instruction, our first grade mathematics emphasizes the use of manipulatives and concrete materials for students to explore and develop ideas fundamental to the study of mathematics in the following areas: fractions and decimals, whole number computation and operations, number sense and numeration, geometry and spatial sense, statistics and probability, patterns and relationships, and measurement.

UNITS OF STUDY

- Exploration
- Measurement
- Patterns and Relationships
- Statistics and Probability
- Geometry and Spatial Sense
- Number Sense and Numeration
- Concepts of Whole Number Operations
- Whole Number Computation
- Fractions and Decimals

LANGUAGE ARTS

Utilizing the Common Core Standards, our K-2 Language Arts program has been divided into three components.

UNITS OF STUDY

- Reading (reading aloud, shared reading, guided reading, self-selected or independent reading)
- Writing (modeled, shared, guided & independent writing)
- Word Block (making words, spelling through phonics & phonological zoo)

SOCIAL STUDIES

The first grade social studies curriculum includes the study of family life, school life, and others. Students study aspects of history, geography, civics and economics as they relate to their broadening world.

UNITS OF STUDY

- Our history - home and school
- Where we live and go to school
- Our responsibilities at home and school
- Occupations around us

SCIENCE

First grade science investigates topics in each of the three science disciplines: life, earth, and physical science. Instructional emphasis includes discovery and inquiry-based learning, reading, experimental design, and reflective writing.

