

Sonoran Sky Elementary School

Curriculum Highlights

First Grade

Theme: Read to Succeed

There is no other time quite like being a “First Grader!” We are excited about sharing this special time in your child's life with you and your family. It will be a year filled with growth and rewarding experiences. A whole new world will be opened to your child through reading, writing and math.

Programs in **art, library, music, physical education** and **technology** are provided to students at Sonoran Sky. Trained specialists not only teach essential skills relative to their special areas, but also work with classroom teachers to plan learning experiences, which enrich classroom curriculum and assist children in discovering their own strengths and talents. First grade's comprehensive curriculum includes:

Phonics

First graders will experience phonics through the district adopted *Foundations* program.

Reading

Each student is assessed through the District Project Read Program to find his individual reading level. Through guided reading, the child moves forward to become a successful and fluent reader. Children are also exposed to grade level text through the Harcourt Storytown Program. Families are encouraged to read a minimum of two hours outside the school day to fulfill the Literacy Challenge requirement.

Writing

Writing is woven throughout the curriculum as the students learn to apply the writing process. Interactive writing is a tool used to teach good writing and spelling strategies. Students practice their writing skills everyday by journaling.

Spelling

Spelling words are introduced beginning second semester.

Math

The district math program is Harcourt Brace. It incorporates critical thinking, problem solving and mastery of basic math facts. We flex group for math according to the child's ability level.

Social Studies/Science/Health

These subjects are incorporated within the first grade curriculum.

Homework

An assignment sheet will go home with your child every Friday in their Friday Folder. Students are required to read a minimum of 20 minutes per night and write in a home journal once per week. Other assignments will be attached to the assignment sheet.

Special Activities

~Friendly Friday - *Students invite an adult friend to come read with them in class once a month. The schedule will be provided by the teachers.*

~ 3rd Grade Buddies

~Fall Festival

~Winter Celebration

~100th Day Celebration

~Valentine's Day

~Three Little Pigs “The Musical”

Field Trips

Desert Center

Shamrock Farms

Childsplay