

Welcome to First Grade

First grade is a fun time of learning! You will get to have your own desk and books, and learn how to work more independently. You will even have your very first history, health, and science books, and learn how to look up memory verses on your own. We also enjoy a time of worship after each Bible lesson. The students really enjoy being able to learn new songs and sing praises to God each day.

The big focus for the year is learning to read. Each day, we will be getting together and reading in small groups. You will be reading through the *Abeka* series, and working your way toward the *Magic Tree House* series or CHAPTER BOOKS! This is always a very exciting time for each student.

A special project that we do each year is a country report. You will get to pick from the countries we have learned about in our history book, research about your country, and share what you have learned with the class. After everyone presents, we all get to try the different foods that each student has brought in to share.

We also have special places that we visit. We go on field trips to Casa de Fruta - Pumpkin Junction, Seymour Marine Discovery Center in Santa Cruz, and celebrate the end of the year with a party. These field trips are a great time to learn outside of the classroom and bond together as a class.

I look forward to having you in my class!

Mrs. Timmons