

Welcome to

First Grade

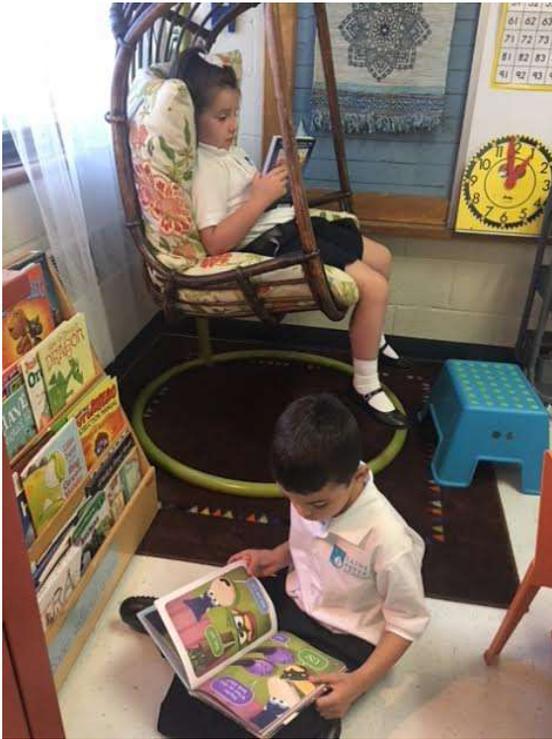
We are so excited to start our fantastic year together!
It has been a lot of fun exploring our new classroom.



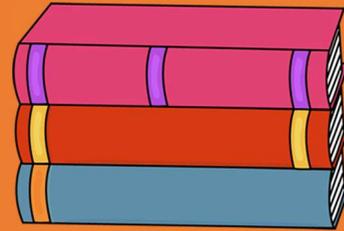
We have enjoyed
building with
Legos, blocks, and
magnets.

We love to use our
imaginations in our
dress up and
Housekeeping centers.





Our classroom has many cozy places to curl up with a good book.



We enjoy working together and making exciting creations.



Technology helps increase our learning. We have been playing math and reading games on our computers and iPads.

This fall is going to be filled with exciting, hands-on learning.

Here is a sneak peek at some of our upcoming lessons:

RELIGION:

We begin our religion lessons with learning about God, our Father and how he created the world. We discuss how God gives us all special gifts, and how we can best care for each other and the world around us. We practice the parts of the Mass, our responses, and learn more about the parts of our church. We will learn about many saints this fall like Padre Pio, and St. Michael the Archangel.

SUPERKIDS:

The Superkids are going to help us become fluent readers this year. We will read all about their adventures, and use our super-secret readers to help practice our decoding. We will also use the Superkid's adventures to inspire some of our own, like planting our own radish patch just like Ettabetta!

MATH:

We cover A LOT of important concepts in math over our first-grade year. To master these skills, we use a variety of math strategies and manipulatives. Each day we review our calendar skills with our Math Meeting Board. Once a week we work in our math centers and track our progress in our journals. In addition to our daily lessons, we work on Accelerated math at home and school which helps us work on differentiated objectives.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Social Studies is going to be very exciting this year. We will be learning about different countries and their cultures. We have a map set up in our classroom to track all the places we will be exploring. Parent volunteers are coming in to speak to our class about their experiences in other countries, and their family cultures and traditions.

We will also be focusing on community helpers, following rules, and different symbols of the United States.

SCIENCE:

Science is one of our favorite things to do! Over the school year we cover many topics like; space, sound, light, animal needs, and plants to name a few. Our class garden will help us to practice what we know about caring for living things. We'll explore different animal adaptations. We'll learn about biomimicry, and how nature

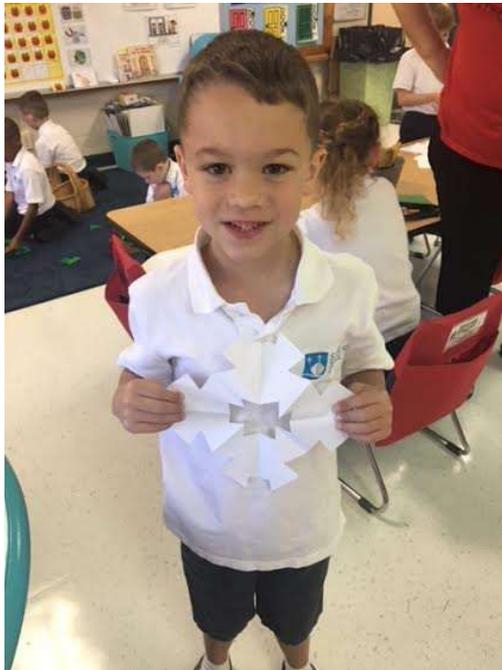
influences our every day world. We also complete different seasonal and challenging STEM activities. We'll learn all about bones for Halloween, create turkey hide-outs for Thanksgiving, build Christmas tree cup towers, and so much more!

On our first day of school we made predictions and conclusions about our "magic bracelets." The beads remained white indoors, but quickly changed colors out in the sun. This created an interesting discussion about light and UV rays. It looks like we already have a classroom of scientist.



This year will be filled with lots of learning, laughing, and love.

Working hard and showing our creativity.





Becoming a First Grade Family.

