



CURRICULUM  
OVERVIEW

**LOWER SCHOOL**

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## LOWER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



### 1ST GRADE

- Continents
- Thanksgiving feast
- Christmas around the world
- Backstage theatre visit
- Indianapolis Zoo
- English tea party
- Farm visit
- Timeline project



### 2ND GRADE

- In-school Egyptian museum
- The Children's Museum of Indianapolis: Egyptology
- Joseph play
- Passover seder
- Conner Prairie



### 3RD GRADE

- Third grade Olympics
- Newfields: Greek and Roman Art
- Wabash and Eerie Canal Boat Ride
- Indiana State Museum
- Greek Islands restaurant
- Indiana Architecture Walkabout Tour



### 4TH GRADE

- St. Meinrad Archabbey
- James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home
- Medieval tournament of arms
- Squire Boon Cave
- State Park Tree and Leaf Identification
- Ornithology Center at Eagle Creek Park
- Tabernacle Presbyterian Church Stained Glass Visit



### 5TH GRADE

- Patriotic Speech Festival
- Colonial Day at Camp Tecumseh
- Holcomb Observatory
- Mounds State Park
- Eiteljorg Museum
- Indiana Statehouse

# 1ST GRADE

## HUMANITIES

### TOUR OF THE SEVEN CONTINENTS

Folklore of the world  
Landmarks and natural wonders  
Wyeth, Rivera, Renoir, Picasso, African tribal masks,  
Katsushika Hokusai, McCubbin, Friedrich;  
Benjamin Britten, world music  
Geography and map skills

## BIBLE CHRONOLOGY

Tower of Babel: Origins of civilizations and culture  
Esther  
Nehemiah  
Mark

## LITERATURE

Farmer Boy (Ingalls Wilder)  
Winnie the Pooh (Milne)  
The Pied Piper (Browning)  
Folk stories and international tales:  
Madeline, Babar, Arabian Nights

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Phonemic awareness  
Decoding and word recognition  
Sentence construction  
Sing, Spell, Read and Write curriculum  
Handwriting (ball and stick)  
Oral presentations  
Chapter book read alouds  
Victory Drill Book (reading fluency)  
Recitations: short poems and Bible verses

## ART

Painting: Focal subject  
Drawing: Shapes and form  
Paper weaving  
Recycled sculpture works

## MATHEMATICS

Understanding operations:  
Addition and subtraction  
Problem solving  
Numeration to 100  
Fractions  
Basic geometric concepts  
Measurement  
Money

## SCIENCE

Weather  
Climate  
Habitats, biomes, animals of the seven continents  
Nature studies and field trips

## LIBRARY

Folklore around the world  
Care of books  
Checking out and checking in  
Author studies  
Learning to read spine label

## MUSIC

Beat: Steady beat in movement, rhymes and dances  
Rhythm: Read, perform and notate rhythmic patterns  
– 1/4, 1/8  
Melody: Read and perform melodic patterns – mi, sol, la;  
Step and skip – do, re, mi  
Harmony: Ostinato pattern  
Analysis: Introduction to the staff

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dynamic Physical Education (Pangrazi)  
Life fitness  
Motor skill development: Running, skipping, hopping,  
tumbling, throwing, kicking, striking  
Tag, kick ball, mat ball  
Teamwork

# 2ND GRADE

## HUMANITIES

### ANCIENT ISRAEL AND EGYPT / CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Ancient inventions and technology  
Civil rights biographies  
Egyptian art, Ellis Wilson; Verdi, Mozart, spirituals,  
pioneer songs, freedom movement songs

## BIBLE CHRONOLOGY

Genesis: Patriarchs and matriarchs to Egyptian captivity  
Exodus: Freedom  
Joshua in the Promised Land

## LITERATURE

Little House in the Big Woods (Ingalls Wilder)  
The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (Lewis)  
Freedom Train (Sterling)  
The Courage of Sarah Noble (Dagliesh)  
I Have a Dream: The Story of Martin Luther King (Davidson)  
Charlotte's Web (White)  
Sword of Egypt (Williams)  
Egyptian mythology

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Decoding and word recognition  
Types of sentences  
Paragraph development  
Printing  
Beginning cursive  
Letter writing  
Literature Studies  
Read and Write curriculum  
Chapter book read alouds  
Recitations: Short poems and Bible verses

## ART

Painting: Waterscapes  
Drawing: Crayon, pastel, symmetry, increasing realism  
Loom weaving and 3D sculptures  
Collage

## MATHEMATICS

Operations: Addition, subtraction, multiplication  
Numeration to 999 and place value  
Relationship of fractions to division  
Money and change  
Probability  
Order of operation

## SCIENCE

Deserts  
Plants  
Insects  
Birds  
Seasons: Wind and air  
Overview of body systems  
Rainforest and food chains  
Simple machines  
Nature studies and field trips

## LIBRARY

Caldecott authors  
Library sections

## MUSIC

Beat: Movement games and dances  
Rhythm: Read, perform and notate rhythmic patterns  
– 1/4, 1/8, 1/2, rests  
Melody: Pentatonic solfege notes – do, re, mi, so, la  
Analysis: Differentiate principal instruments of the  
orchestra; Decode symbols of music scores

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dynamic Physical Education (Pangrazi)  
Life fitness  
Motor skill development: Running, skipping,  
hopping, tumbling, throwing, kicking, striking  
Tag, kick ball, mat ball  
Calisthenics and stretching  
Gymnastics and badminton  
Game strategy  
Teamwork

# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

## HUMANITIES

### ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME / INDIANA STATE HISTORY

Roman villa project  
Architectural tour of Indianapolis  
Ancient art, pottery and architecture, Currier & Ives; Holst, Respighi

## BIBLE CHRONOLOGY

United and Divided Kingdoms: Saul, David, Solomon, Judah, Israel  
Prophets and Exile: Daniel, Esther, Elijah, Elisha, Jonah, II Chronicles (Sennacherib), Maccabees, Proverbs

## LITERATURE

Julius Caesar (Shakespeare)  
Black Ships Before Troy (Sutcliff)  
Greek Myths (D'Aulaire)  
Theras and His Town (Snedeker)  
Tales from the Big Thicket (Brett)  
The Bears of Blue River (Major)

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Classical writing: Fable  
Imitative stories  
Paragraph organization: Narrative  
Letter writing: Personal, persuasive, formal  
Spelling Workout curriculum  
Cursive writing  
Recitations: Longer poetry and Bible verses

## LIBRARY

Genres of literature  
Using the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library's online catalog  
Book talks

## MATHEMATICS

Operations: Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division  
Numeration to 999,999 and place value  
Decimals, fractions, percents, mixed numbers  
Units of length, capacity, temperature, time, weight  
Beginning algebra including variables  
Perimeter and area

## SCIENCE

Grasslands  
Mammals  
Rocks and minerals  
Sound and light  
Nutrition  
Nature studies and field trips

## LATIN

Conjugate and decline  
Vocabulary: Meanings, derivatives, spelling  
1st conjugation present tense  
Present tense of "sum" (to be)  
1st declension  
2nd declension masculine, feminine, neuter  
Case names  
Agreement of subjects and verbs

## ART

Painting: Watercolor  
Drawing: Mechanical, introduction to foreshortening, shading  
Clay works  
Rag weaving  
Design patterns in ancient and modern cultures

## MUSIC

Beat: Complex dance patterns  
Rhythm: Perform whole note and rest – dotted 1/2, 1/8, 1/16  
Melody: Sing pentatonic songs on pitch – do, re mi, so, la, ti, high do, melodic percussion  
Harmony: Partner songs and rounds; Canons in two parts; Play ostinati with skips, steps and leaps  
Form: Differentiate secondary instruments;  
Decode symbols of music scores

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dynamic Physical Education (Pangrazi)  
Life fitness  
Motor skill development: Running, skipping, hopping, tumbling, throwing, kicking, striking  
Dodge ball, soccer, tag, kick ball, mat ball  
Calisthenics and stretching  
Gymnastics, badminton, soccer  
Game strategy  
Teamwork

# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## HUMANITIES

### EARLY CHURCH AND MEDIEVAL TIMES

Cathedral tour: Stained glass  
Castle building project  
Medieval, Byzantine and  
Renaissance art;  
Handel, von Bingen, Prokofiev

### BIBLE CHRONOLOGY

Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John  
Acts of the Apostles

### LITERATURE

Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare)  
The Horse and His Boy (Lewis)  
Cleopatra (Stanley)  
The Bronze Bow (Speare)  
Crispin and the Cross of Lead (Avi)  
The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil  
E. Frankweiler (Konigsburg)  
Medieval Tales: King Arthur,  
Robin Hood, Lady Godiva;  
Saint stories and legends

### LANGUAGE ARTS

Classical writing: Chreia and Proverb  
Letter writing: Personal, persuasive,  
formal  
Paragraph organization: Essay  
Spelling Workout curriculum  
Cursive writing  
Recitations: Longer poetry  
and Bible verses

### LIBRARY

Beginning research  
Citing sources  
Dewey Decimal System  
Reference materials  
Book talks

## MATHEMATICS

All operations: Whole numbers,  
fractions, decimals, percents  
Powers of whole numbers  
Numeration beyond one trillion  
and place value  
Beginning algebraic functions  
Data, graphs, estimation, probability  
Geometric shapes, angles,  
measurement  
Perimeter and area

## SCIENCE

Woodlands  
Trees and leaves  
Fungi  
Amphibians  
Thermal energy  
Electricity  
Caves and weathering  
Circulatory system  
Nature studies and field trips

## LATIN

Vocabulary: Meanings, derivatives,  
spelling  
2nd declension neuter  
Gender: Noun and adjective  
agreement  
Present tense of "possum"  
(to be able)  
2nd conjugation present  
1st and 2nd conjugation future tense  
1st and 2nd imperfect tense  
Personal pronouns

## ART

Painting: Color theory, composition,  
special techniques  
Drawing: Ratio and proportion  
in portraiture  
Clay works  
Architectural features of cathedrals  
Chinese calligraphy  
Japanese sumie  
Backstrap weaving

## MUSIC

Beat: Complex dance patterns  
Rhythm: Perform dotted 1/4  
and 1/8; Syncopation  
– 1/8, 1/4, 1/8  
Melody: Matching pitch in  
folk songs, fa and ti, whole steps  
and half steps  
Harmony: Matching pitch and  
independent singing in canons,  
ostinati, partner songs,  
two-part singing  
Analysis: Identify rhythmic and  
melodic motives; Decode  
symbols of music scores

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dynamic Physical Education  
(Pangrazi)  
Life fitness  
Motor skill development: Running,  
skipping, hopping, tumbling,  
throwing, kicking, striking  
Dodge ball, tag, kick ball, mat ball  
Calisthenics and stretching  
Gymnastics, badminton, soccer,  
lacrosse  
Health  
Teamwork

# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## HUMANITIES

### EARLY AMERICA

Mesoamerican civilization  
Explorers and pioneers  
American Revolution  
Founding documents  
Westward expansion,  
Native Americans  
Meso-American art and architecture,  
Rembrandt, Velazquez, Trumball,  
Catlin; Bach, patriotic songs

### BIBLE CHRONOLOGY

Epistles of Paul: Romans to Philemon

### LITERATURE

MacBeth (Shakespeare)  
Mayan and Aztec mythology  
The Ocean of Truth (MacPherson)  
I, Juan de Pareja (Trevino)  
The Witch of Blackbird Pond (Speare)  
The Courtship of Miles Standish;  
Midnight Ride of Paul Revere  
(Longfellow)  
Johnny Tremain (Forbes)  
Declaration of Independence  
Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Irving)  
The Raven; The Tell-Tale Heart (Poe)  
Seaman (Langer)  
Rip Van Winkle (Irving)

### LANGUAGE ARTS

Classical writing: Refutation,  
confirmation, commonplace  
Persuasive and expository focus  
in writing  
Spelling Workout curriculum  
Recitations: Longer speeches,  
poetry, Bible excerpts

## LIBRARY

Using online databases  
Book talks  
Citing sources

## MATHEMATICS

All operations: Whole numbers,  
fractions, decimals  
Powers of whole numbers,  
square roots  
Negative exponents  
Estimation  
Prime and composite numbers,  
integers  
Complex fractions  
Measurement and unit conversion  
Scale drawing and modeling  
Slope

## SCIENCE

Oceans and wetlands  
Fish dissections  
Mass and volume  
Magnetism, gravity, inertia  
Astronomy and the solar system  
Drugs, alcohol, the nervous system  
Nature studies and field trips

## LATIN

Translations in present tense  
Direct objects (accusative case)  
Case functions and basic translations  
2nd declension – er, ir, r words  
Prepositions and prepositional  
phrases  
Present, imperfect and future tense  
of "sum" (to be)  
3rd conjugation present and  
imperfect  
4th conjugation present and  
imperfect  
Adverbs  
3rd declension male and female

## ART

Painting: Experimental watercolor  
techniques  
Drawing: Turning shape into form  
Introduction to grid drawing  
Portraits: front and 3/4 view,  
realistic skin tones  
3D sculpture  
Huichol yarn drawing

## MUSIC

Beat: Complex dance patterns  
Rhythm: Dotted 1/8 then 1/16  
and reverse  
Melody: Matching pitch in folk songs;  
Flat, sharp, natural  
Harmony: Two and three part  
singing; Play ostinati  
Analysis: Identify rhythmic and  
melodic motives; Decode  
symbols of music scores

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dynamic Physical Education  
(Pangrazi)  
Life fitness  
Calisthenics and stretching  
Gymnastics, badminton, soccer,  
lacrosse, basketball, kick ball,  
mat ball  
Health  
Teamwork

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