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American Preparatory Academy follows Utah Core Standards as well as following the Core Knowledge Sequence as outlined in *What Your First Grader Needs to Know.*

- Utah Core Standards for 1st Grade can be found at: https://www.uen.org/core/
- Core Knowledge Sequence can be found at: https://www.coreknowledge.org/
- *What Your First Grader Needs to Know* by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392388)
    - *What Your First Grader Needs to Know* offers parents, teachers, and students an illustrated guide to the essential knowledge outlined in the Core Knowledge Sequence, including stories and poems, familiar sayings, interesting information on history and geography, discussions of visual arts and music, and explanations and activities in math and science.

Subjects taught at APA in 1st Grade include:

Art
Grammar
History/Geography
Language Arts
Literature
Logic/Comprehension
Music
Poetry
Reading University
Sayings and Phrases
Science
Spelling
Writing
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Homeroom Subjects

Art

Art projects are chosen for students based on the Core Knowledge Curriculum as found in: *What Your First Grader Needs to Know* (2014 Revised Edition) by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392388)

Grammar

The Shurley Method Level 1 Teacher's Manual by Shurley, Brenda & Wetsell, Ruth 1997 Second Edition (ISBN 978-1-881940-65-4)

History

History, *What Your First Grader Needs to Know* by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392388)

- Communities
- Ice Age
- Mesopotamia
- Ancient Egypt
- World Religions
- Early Civilizations
- English Settlers
- American Revolution
- American Symbols
- American West
- Mexico

History Resources:

Literature excerpts found from core knowledge resources:

1st Grade History Core Knowledge Literature

- Unit 1: Continents, Countries, and Maps
- Unit 2: Mesopotamia
- Unit 3: Ancient Egypt
- Unit 4: Three World Religions
- Unit 5: Early Civilizations of the Americas
- Unit 6: The Culture of Mexico
- Unit 7: Early Explorers and Settlers
- Unit 8: From Colonies to Independence
- Unit 9: Exploring the West
- Unit 10: Lessons in Civics

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Language Arts

Heggerty Phonemic Awareness by Michael Heggerty
ISBN 978-1-947-260-43-6

Literature

Literature books in 2nd Grade include the following:
Literature all excerpts from: *What Your First Grader Needs to Know* by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392388)

- All Stories Are Anansi's
- The Boy at the Dike
- Brer Rabbit Gets Brer Fox's Dinner
- The Frog Prince
- Hansel and Gretel
- In Which Tigger Comes to the Forest and Has Breakfast
- Issun Boshi: One-Inch Boy
- Tom Thumb
- The Crowded, Noisy House
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The Knee-High Man
- The Little Half-Chick (Medio Pollito)
- The Pied Piper of Hamelin
- Pinocchio
- The Princess and the Pea
- Puss-in-Boots
- Rapunzel
- Rumpelstiltskin
- Sleeping Beauty
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit
- Why the Owl Has Big Eyes
- The Boy Who Cried Wolf: A Drama

Logic/Comprehension

Language for Thinking by Siegfried Engelmann - ISBN: 0026848856

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Music

Music selections are chosen for students based on the Core Knowledge Curriculum as found in: *What Your First Grader Needs to Know* by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392388)

- Melody, Harmony, and Rhythm
- Meet a Great Composer
- Mozart the Wonder Boy
- Mozart, a Famous Composer
- Reading and Writing Music
- Instruments and Their Families
- The Orchestra
- Music Can Tell a Story
- Move to the Music
- A Ballet About a Nutcracker
- Jazz: America's Musical Gift to the World
- Songs
    - *Star Spangled Banner* (verses one and four) by Fransis Scott Key
    - *America the Beautiful*
    - *La Cucaracha (The Cockroach)*
    - *Blow the Man Down*
    - *Billy Boy*
    - *Down by the Riverside*
    - *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*
    - *Down in the Valley*
    - *Dry Bones*
    - *Frere Jacques/Brother John*
    - *Michael, Row the Boat Ashore*
    - *She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain*
    - *Skip to My Lou*
    - *There's a Hole in the Bucket*
    - *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*

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Poetry

Poems will be memorized or analyzed. These poems are from What Your 1st Grader Needs to Know (CK)

- *Builders* by Anonymous
- *Little Sally Walker*
- *The Queen of Hearts*
- *If Wishes Were Horses*
- *Three Wise Men of Gotham*
- *Solomon Grundy*
- *Thirty Days Hath September*
- *Tongue Twisters*
- *Riddle Rhymes*
- *The Pasture* by Robert Frost
- *Hope* by Langston Hughes
- *A Good Play* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *The Swing* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *The Frog* by Hilaire Belloc
- *The Owl and the Pussy-Cat* by Edward Lear
- *The Purple Cow* by Gelett Burgess
- *I Know All the Sounds That the Animals Make* by Jack Prelutsky
- *My Shadow* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Rope Rhyme* by Eloise Greenfield
- *Table Manners* by Gelett Burgess
- *Sing a Song of People* by Lois Lenski
- *Washington* by Nancy Byrd Turner
- *Wynken, Blynken, and Nod* by Eugene Field
- *Thanksgiving Day* by Lydia Maria Child

Reading University

Reading University books for all grades can be viewed at:
https://www.americanprep.org/reading-university/

- A list of books for first grade will be available separate from this packet.

Sayings and Phrases

- *An apple a day keeps the doctor away*
- *Never leave till tomorrow what you can do today*

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- *Don't judge a book by its cover*
- *Do unto other as you would have them do unto you*
- *Hit the nail on the head*
- *If at first you don't succeed, try, try again*
- *Land of Nod*
- *Let the cat out of the bag*
- *The more the merrier*
- *Practice makes perfect*
- *There's no place like home*

Science

Lessons for science are created by A.P.A. staff and are based on the Utah SEED standards, along with the Core Knowledge Sequence. These lessons will include the following topics:

- Living Things
- Habitats
- Helping Habitats
- Oceans
- Body Systems
- Germs
- Matter
- Electricity
- Measurement
- Astronomy
- Earth

Spelling

The Writing Road to Reading by Romalda Bishop Spalding ISBN13 978-0688100070

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Writing

Adventures in Language (A.I.L.):

- Adventures in Language by Terry Dodd, Fay Goodfellow, Dawn Dodds

Informational Writing & Book report lessons are created by A.P.A. staff and are based on the Utah Core standards, along with the Core Knowledge Sequence.

1st Grade Conceptual Math

Lessons for 1st grade Core Math are created by A.P.A. staff and are based on the Utah Core Standards, along with the Core Knowledge Sequence. These lessons will include the following topics:

- Patterns and Classifications
- Numbers and Number Sense
- Computation
- Money
- Geometry
- Measurement

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Intensive Groups Curriculum

Intensive Reading Groups

Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia byLuke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders at Scottish Rite for Children

Reading Mastery, by Siegfried Engelmann and Jean Osborn

- For each *Reading Mastery* level (see list below), students will use a textbook, a workbook, and a skillbook. These books can be purchased on amazon.com or checked out in the school curriculum room.

Reading Mastery 1

Reading Mastery 2

Once the curriculum is completed a novel is read to finish the school year.

Novels:

- *Amelia Bedelia Play Ball* by Peggy Parish
- *Nate the Great* by Marjorie W. Sharmat
- *Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Kidnapped at Birth* by Louis Sachar
- *Junie B Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus* by Barbara Park
- *Sprite's Secret* by Tracey West

Reading Mastery 3

Novels:

- *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- *Enormous Egg* by Oliver Butterworth
- *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardner

Reading Mastery 4

Novels:

- *Ramona Quimby* by Beverly Cleary
- *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson
- *Old Yeller* by Fred Gibson

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- *Little House* in the big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr
- *Stuart Little* by E.B. White

Intensive Math Groups

Based on assessment data, students will be assigned to one of the following math classes. For each *CMC* level (see list below), students will use a textbook and a math facts/worksheet practice book. These books can be purchased on amazon.com or checked out in the school curriculum room.

- *SRA Connecting Math Concepts A (CMC A)*, McGraw Hill
- *SRA Connecting Math Concepts B (CMC B)*, McGraw Hill
- *SRA Connecting Math Concepts C (CMC C)*, McGraw Hill
- *SRA Connecting Math Concepts D (CMC D)*, McGraw Hill
- *Saxon Math* (5/4), by Stephen Hake and John Saxon
    - For each Saxon Math Level, students will use a textbook and a math facts practice book. These books can be purchased on amazon.com or checked out in the school curriculum room.