

First Grade Curriculum Overview



Developmental Profile of a Grade 1 Child*

The seven-year-old child continues to develop independent and pictorial thinking. The child is eager to bring focused concentration to learning settings. Much learning is orchestrated through rich, imaginative pictures, activities and imitations which lay the groundwork for future critical and conceptual thinking.

Educational Experience

First grade is marked by children's new interest in learning, inspired by the awakening abilities of memory and thinking. Desert Star Community School meets the student's innate curiosity and desire to grow with a rich multisensory experience. Students sculpt, draw, move, listen, imagine and sound out—all ways to engage different learning styles—to stimulate the young mind so that the students become motivated eager learners. Students establish good habits of classroom life and work that will form the basis for all

subsequent learning at school. The students and teacher build the foundation for an ever-deepening relationship while forming a socially cohesive group during this special year of "beginnings."

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