

# First Grade Curriculum Information

South Woods Elementary School

2021-2022

## SWE Mission

South Woods Elementary School will create a positive learning environment that will instill **good character** and the desire for **academic excellence**, fostering the development of **caring, productive, and digital citizens** in the global world.

# South Woods Information is a Title I School

**What does it mean to be a  
Title I school?**

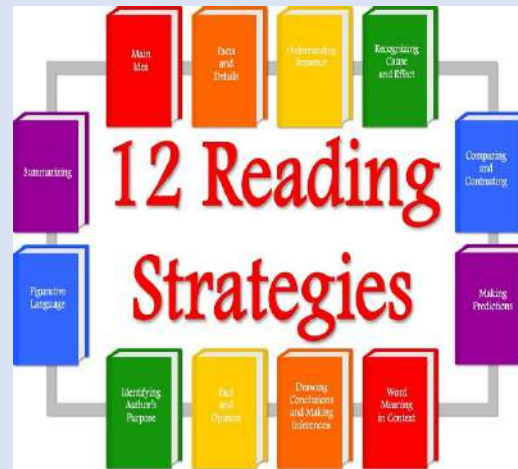


# How is Title I funding used at South Woods?

Staff



Materials



Parent Involvement



# Interventionist Team

• K & 1      JENNY MOORE- JONES

• 2 & 3      AMBER DANIELS

• 4 & 5      MARGO MEYER

• The role of an Interventionist at South Woods Elementary is to support student achievement in the area of Reading/Math, with special attention to reading.

## QUICK OVERVIEW OF DAILY SCHEDULE

**\*\* Schedule may change during testing or assembly days. On Wednesdays, early dismissal is at 1:45 pm. There is no science or social studies on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

8:00 – 8:25 am	Student Arrival/Morning Centers
8:25 – 8:55 am	Morning Meeting
8:55 – 9:25 am	Target Time (Small Group)/Independent ELA Time
9:30-11:00 am	ELA Block
11:10 – 11:40 am	LUNCH/RECESS
11:40-11:50	Track
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Math Block
1:05-1:40 pm	Specials
1:45 pm	Pack up
1:50-2:40	Science/Social studies
2:45 pm	Listen over the announcement for Parent Pick-Up and Bus Announcements

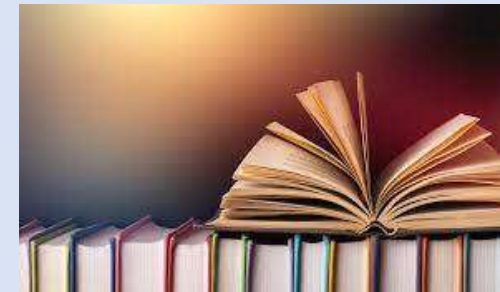
# Reading



In reading, we are now shifting to the new Florida B.E.S.T. Standards. This year, we have a new comprehension curriculum and phonics program to help our students be successful with these new standards.

Our big focus on reading in first grade includes (but is not limited to):

- Phonics and Phonemic Awareness
- Fluency
- Literary Elements
- Comprehension of Fiction and Non-Fiction Texts
- Text Features in Informational Texts



# Writing



## **Our writing goals in first grade include:**

- Writing a complete simple sentence.
- Understanding when to use capital letters, punctuation, and grammatical conventions.
- Using a tool called 4 Square Writing to become a better writer.

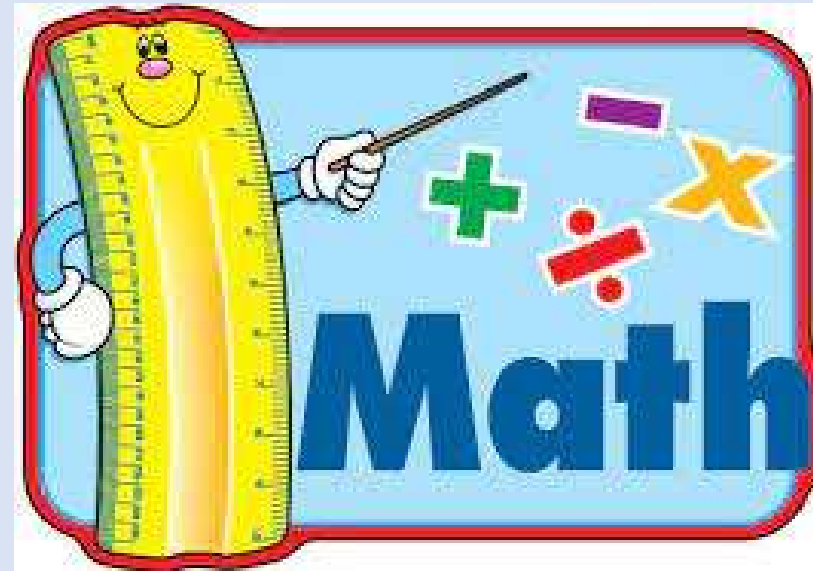
*About 4 Square Writing: This tool is designed to scaffold the writing process. At the beginning of the year, students will begin drawing pictures to describe what they want to write about. This progresses into labeling pictures then to writing full complete sentences. At the end of the year, students will be writing a paragraph focused around the topic of the week or topic for the unit.*



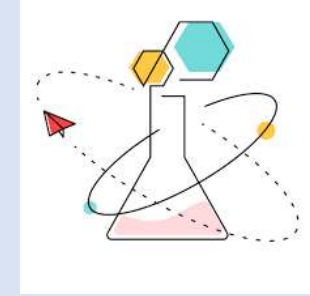
# Math

In first grade, our biggest focus is helping our students create foundational skills and understanding of important math concepts. First grade focuses on the following skills:

- Adding and Subtracting (we will add and subtract to 100 by the end of the year)
- Word Problems
- Measurement
- Shapes
- Time and Money
- Place Value



# Science and Social Studies



## Science

- During our Science block we use the HMH Florida Science textbook to help guide our studies. This year we will be focusing on how scientists work, technology, space, Earth's resources, matter and motion, plants and living thing, and more. To deepen the student's understanding we reinforce these topics by doing S.T.E.A.M projects and experiments within the units.

## Social studies

- For Social Studies we use Studies Weekly. Students will learn about rules, time, history, maps, festivals, and holidays, and much more. During this time, we continue to work on our social skills that we learn weekly throughout the school year and focus on progressing good reading practices.

# Grading

In 1<sup>st</sup> grade, we use “M”, “P”, or “I” to determine the level of student performance.

- M – Meeting Expectations towards Florida State Standards
- P – Progressing towards Florida State Standards
- I – Improvement Needed towards Florida State Standards

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*“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”*

~Martin Luther King, Jr.



# Behavior & Communication

- First grade follows our school wide PBIS program and focuses on positive reinforcement.
- We have individual, class, and grade level incentives. Eagle eggs are given out to classes who are walking in the hallway correctly and using SOAR expectations at resource. Once the grade level gets to 50 Eagle eggs, we earn a reward.
- Teachers can be reached by email, phone, note, or other preferred communication (i.e. Dojo or Remind). Please allow up to 24 hours for a response as we are not always available to immediately respond.
- Please contact your teacher if you wish to set up a meeting before parent/teacher conferences.

# Homework (Or Un-Homework)

Un-homework is a friendly homework alternative that offers the following:

UN homework  
Week of \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

CHOICE #1

CHOICE #2

CHOICE #3

CHOICE #4

CHOICE #5//WEEKEND

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- Student Choice (Un-Homework is not graded or mandatory)
- Incentives (Students are not punished for not doing homework; in fact, they earn chances for reward by choosing to do the work)
- Saved Time (Choices offered are brief, hands-on, explorations that will eliminate frustration and encourage empowered learning!)

# How Can Families Stay Involved?

- Ask specific questions about school
- Please honor school time and try to schedule important events accordingly
  - Doctor's appointments, family events, sports
- Support homework blocks
- Make school your child's "job"
- Celebrate short-and long-term goals

# Conferences

- Conferences will be scheduled October 19<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
- These will be offered through phone calls
- Your child's teacher will contact you to set up your day and time



# Closing

- Thank you for viewing, contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.