

Mrs. De La Rosa  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Syllabus  
Our Lady Of Refuge  
2011 - 2012

Parents, I am very excited in being your child's classroom teacher this year. My expectations for them will be very high. With your support and help, I'm sure that we can accomplish great success with each and every one of these students! I'm looking forward to an AWESOME year!

Below is a description of the school work that will be covered our first semester. This is subject to change, but I will advise you ahead of time if a change will occur. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Reading:

Unit 1: Lunch (Concept: Predicting/Classifying)  
My Family's Market (Concept: Main Idea/Fact & Fantasy)  
Tumble Bumble (Concept: Sequence/Recall & Retell)

Unit 2: The Nap (Concept: Context Clues)  
Look at That (Concept: Cause and Effect)  
What Did I See? (Concept: Predicting)  
Fish Mix (Concept: Setting)  
Jog, Frog, Jog (Concept: Author's Purpose)  
A Big Job (Concept: Cause and Effect)

Unit 3: The Big Mess (Concept: Compare & Contrast)  
Yes, We Want Some Too! (Concept: Drawing Conclusions)  
My Buddy Stan (Concept: Main Idea)

Phonics:

Unit 1: Phonemic Awareness & Auditory Discrimination  
- Rhyming, Initial Sounds

Unit 2: Consonant Sounds & Medial Sounds  
- All consonant letters and double consonant sounds

Unit 3: Short Vowels (a,e,i,o,u)

Grammar:

- Identify and distinguish between lower case and upper case letters.
- Identify nouns (common & proper) and verbs.
- Be able to write a complete sentence using correct punctuation.
- Write a personal narrative, friendly letter and a how to article.

Handwriting:

- Correct letter formation - starting from top to bottom.
- Left to right direction.

- Write letters using correct size and spacing.

Spelling:

- Identify letter/sound relationship.
- Use of blends and diagraphs in words.
- Use of silent vowels and letters in words.

Math:

Unit 1: Numbers, Number Words, Ordinals  
Unit 2: Addition Strategies and Facts to 12  
Unit 3: Subtraction Strategies and Facts to 12  
Unit 4: Data and Graphs, Using Operations  
Unit 5: Place Value to 100  
Unit 6: Extending Addition and Subtraction Facts

Social Studies:

Unit 1: People Everywhere (Concept: Culture)  
Unit 2: Where We Live (Concept: Geography)  
Unit 3: World of Work (Concept: Economics)  
Unit 4: Everything Changes (Concept: History)  
Unit 5: Good Citizens (Concept: Government & Citizenship)

Science:

Unit A: Animals and People (Concept: Life Science)  
Unit B: Living Things and Where They Live (Concept: Life Science)  
Unit C: Earth, Our Home (Concept: Earth Science)  
Unit D: Weather and the Sky (Concept: Earth Science)  
Unit E: Describing Matter (Concept: Physical Science)  
Unit F: Energy Sources and Motion (Concept: Physical Science)

Some important things to remember:

1. Attendance: It is very important that your child be in school every day. If they are absent, you must send a written excuse with them when they return.
2. Homework: Please make sure that you review your child's folder every afternoon for homework. You may review your child's homework, but please do not do it for them! This is their responsibility.

As we get ready to start a new year, please know that we can accomplish great things if we work together. I will be relying on your help and support through out the year at home.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: (830) 773-3531.

Sincerely,

Mrs. De La Rosa