



Curriculum Overview
LOWER ELEMENTARY – 1st & 2nd GRADES
 2024-2025 – Cycle 1

Japhet School's mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program.

CHARACTER QUALITY	READING/PHONICS & LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH	SOCIAL STUDIES	SCIENCE
Reliability	Individual Mastery Literature focuses: Friendship, Main Characters	<u>First Grade</u> Individual Mastery Problem Solving Numbers: Patterns, Place Value, Comparing Numbers Ordering Number bonds Addition/Subtraction: Stories, Fact Families, With and Without Regrouping Adding Three Numbers Shapes/Patterns Ordinal Numbers and Position Length Weight Graphs Mental Math Strategies Calendar/Time Multiplication/Division Money	Friendship Living and working together at home and school Compare and contrast Pilgrims and Native Americans Brazil Geography Citizenship and Government Fundamentals of Economics Decision-making Australia Social Studies Fair People who have made a difference in the world community: L. Braille, and C. Chavez Blind Community and Leader dogs Sign language	Scientific Process Weather Animal classification Organization of Living Things (life requirements, life cycles, observable characteristics): Animals Organization of Living Things (life requirements, life cycles, observable characteristics) : Plants, part 1 Organization of Living Things (life requirements, life cycles, observable characteristics) Plants, part 2 Space / Solar System Insects
Judgment	Sentence structure, sentence endings, spelling lists, handwriting, capitalization; Main idea Journals, settings & story elements			
Patriotism	Literature: Rain Forest			
Joy	Nouns, proper nouns, plural nouns, commas, contractions Display layout, oral and written directions, verbs			
Industry	Make connections Folk tales & poetry			
Humility	Adjectives, plurals Problem & solution			
Peace	Cause & effect Compound words	<u>Second Grade</u> Individual Mastery Problem Solving Numbers: place value, comparing numbers, number bonds Addition/Subtraction Multiplication/Division Measurement: metric and standard Mass/Volume Mental Math Estimation Money Fractions Time Graphing: pictographs Geometry: lines, surfaces, shapes, and patterns		
Thrift	Main idea & details			
Personal Habits	Compare & contrast, dictionary skills, chronological order, pronouns Nonfiction Letter writing, role playing, plays, pen pals, addressing envelopes Topic, oral reports, log books, abbreviations, homophones Book making, similes, possessives, contractions Homonyms, synonyms, antonyms, story writing, quotations			

Integrated with the core subjects listed above are Life Skills, Spanish, Music, Art, Library, and Physical Education.

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