

# The First Grade Program

## At a Glance

Moorestown Friends School's twin pillars of academic rigor and ethical development come to life each day for our first grade students.

In small classes, students participate in an integrated program of language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.

Students are taught to think critically: to gather complete information, be precise, develop a plan when solving a problem, and shift strategies when needed.

Engagement in visual arts, music, physical education, computers, library use, and coding complement the academic program.

The Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and stewardship are an integral part of every grade and every classroom. Teachers support students in the use of peaceful conflict resolution and peer mediation. Service learning projects take place throughout the year. Through our commitment to academic rigor and spiritual and ethical development, the MFS Lower School strives to help our first grade students develop tough minds and tender hearts.



*Students learning how to use a 3D printer to design and print their own creations*



### Specials

- Art & Music
- Coding
- Library
- Physical Education
- Quaker Education
- Science
- Technology

### Program Features

- Small Class Size of about 18
- 9:1 Student-Teacher Ratio
- Before and Afterschool Care
- Reading & Writing Workshops
- Growing With Mathematics
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Words Their Way Spelling

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# A First Grader's Typical Schedule

Early Arrival for families who choose Extended Day, begins at 7:15 a.m.
Classroom door opens at 7:55 a.m. and school begins at 8:05 a.m.
Morning Learning Centers - activities that reinforce previously taught skills and concepts
Morning Meeting - community building game and morning message
Literacy & Guided Reading
Snack
Special Area Classes
Writing Workshop, Handwriting, & Phonics
Lunch
Recess
Math
Special Area Classes
Curriculum Theme Investigations
Dismissal at 3:10 p.m., with option to stay at Extended Day until 6 p.m.



## Special Events

- All-School Picnic (September)
- All-School Thanksgiving Happening
- Winter Concert
- Spring Concert
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day
- Field Trips
- End-of-Year Family Party

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