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**2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

# 1st Grade GVL

**Parents must choose to enroll their 1st grade student in either the One Day or Two Day model.**

Elementary classes meet for 12 weeks in the Fall and 12 weeks in the Spring for a total of 24 weeks. Each class day starts at 9:10am and finishes at 2:30pm.

The students enjoy recess twice a day at either the playground or the gym. Parents must pack snack and lunch for their student. Children in 1st grade will not be assigned homework, except for an occasional oral presentation requirement. Formal grades are not given in 1st grade but teachers do send home progress reports twice a year.

**Grades:** 1st Grade

**Fees:** One Day Model Tuition: \$400 for the year

Two Day Model Tuition: \$800 for the year

Plus the following fees:

-\$140 enrollment fee per child

- \$70 security fee per family
- \$10 per student portrait/bag tag fee

### Prerequisites:

Must be 6 years old by September 1st

**Sections Offered:** [1st Green Cedar- 1 Day Model \(Mondays only\)](#), [1st Red Oak- 1 Day Model \(Wednesdays only\)](#), [1st Yellow Birch- 2 Day Model \(Mondays & Wednesdays\)](#), [1st Blue Spruce- 2 Day Model \(Mondays & Wednesdays\)](#), [K3 - 2nd Music- 1 & 2 Day Models](#), [K4 - 2nd Art- 2 Day Model](#)

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

### Textbook:

- **One Day Model: None required.** Parents may choose to purchase the Notgrass My Star Spangled Story curriculum to reinforce learning at home but this is completely **optional**:
  - [My Star Spangled Story, Part 1 Textbook](#)
  - [My Star Spangled Student Workbook](#)–
- **Two Day Model:** [My Star Spangled Student Workbook](#)– (parents must purchase the workbook but do not need to purchase the textbook)

### Other Materials:

Each class has a supply list of required materials parents must purchase and send to class with their student. **[Find Supply Lists here.](#)**

## Course Description

### ONE DAY MODEL:

In this 1st grade model, the children are with the same teacher the entire day and stay together as a group, with the exception of a music class when they go to the respective teacher for that time.

In first grade, social studies content will be covered at co-op each week. Additionally, each week students will explore simple machines through a LEGO curriculum. The children will rotate through learning stations in small groups to maximize learning time. We will focus on learning about U.S. History using ***Our Star-Spangled Story, Part 1***. This book has 45 lessons beginning with life in America before Europeans came and continuing through the late 1800s. Students will learn about history from a Christian worldview through hands-on activities, songs, and dances. Notgrass curriculum company recommends eight works of literature to read along with the lessons in *Our Star-Spangled Story*. The UHC teacher does not have time to read these books aloud in class but we highly recommend that families read through them at home with their students. Each book gives your child a richer perspective on a certain time period. The student has 3-5 weeks to read each book.

The following literature books are recommended for Part 1, which is covered in 1st grade at UHC:

- Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin by Marguerite Henry (Units 1-4)
  - Toliver's Secret by Esther Wood Brady (Units 5-9)
  - Freedom Crossing by Margaret Goff Clark (Units 10-12)
  - Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls Wilder (Units 13-15)
- **Music Class:** Students attend music class each class day. The students will enjoy experiencing music in a variety of ways. We explore music through a repertoire rich in folk songs, nursery rhymes, and traditional singing games. We learn about music through imitation, movement, listening, visualization, improvisation, finger play, and rhythm instruments. Seasonal music activities are incorporated throughout the year.

## **TWO DAY MODEL:**

In this two day model, the class day is team taught with one 1st grade teacher who teaches Science and another 1st grade teacher who teaches Social Studies. Class sections are assigned one of those teachers as their homeroom teacher as well. Additionally, the 1st grade classes go to music and art class with the respective teachers for that time.

In first grade, both science and social studies content will be covered at co-op each week. Age appropriate math facts and sight words will also be practiced weekly. The children will rotate through learning stations in small groups to maximize learning time.

- **Social Studies component:** In first grade, we will focus on learning about U.S. History using ***Our Star-Spangled Story Part 1***. This book has 45 lessons beginning with life in America before Europeans came and continuing through the late 1800s. Students will learn about history from a Christian worldview through hands-on activities, songs, and dances. Notgrass curriculum company recommends eight works of literature to read along with the lessons in *Our Star-Spangled Story*. The UHC teacher does not have time to read these books aloud in class but we highly recommend that families read through them at home with their students. Each book gives your child a richer perspective on a certain time period. The student has 3-5 weeks to read each book.

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- **Science component:** In first grade, we will also complete Life Science unit studies about the human body, animals, insects, and plants based on the Magic School Bus series, enabling great flexibility as we explore a wide variety of science while integrating other subject areas. Students will participate in various hands-on activities and projects to further reinforce scientific methods of discovery.

Students also enjoy Music and Art class once weekly as part of their class day.

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- **Art Class:** Students will attend art class once a week. K4-2nd grade students' study of art will encourage them to better see and appreciate God's own artistic brilliance in His lavish creation. Quality children's literature will be used to teach various art elements such as shape, line, texture, color, value, form and space.

Students will put their learning in action by completing an art project each class day using a variety of media and hands-on learning.

## To be successful in this class:

Listen, raise your hand, line up, be kind to others, obey the teacher, use an inside voice, keep your hands to yourself, work cooperatively in a group, and begin to study.

## 1st Green Cedar- 1 Day Model (Mondays only)

## 1st Red Oak- 1 Day Model (Wednesdays only)



### Meet Hannah Snelling

**Education:** Winthrop University- Early Childhood Education and Modern Languages (Spanish) with Minor in Music, Spanish Language Institute (San Jose, Costa Rica)- Spanish

**Teaching experience:** 1st grade – 1 year as an assistant teacher at Sojourn Academy (San Jose, Costa Rica), Transitional 1st – 2 years as an assistant teacher

at Mitchell Road Christian Academy

**Homeschool experience:** 3 years homeschooling

**Courses taught at UHC:**

- Beginner Spanish- Level 1
- 1st Grade

Began teaching in 2023

## 1st Yellow Birch- 2 Day Model (Mondays & Wednesdays)



### Meet Ace Fallaw

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Latin American Studies from Furman University

**Teaching Experience:**

- 4th and 5th grade in Spartanburg County Public Schools
- 2nd and 4th grade in Greenville County Schools

**Certifications:** certified to teach in South Carolina

## UHC Courses Taught:

- 1st
- 5th Grade Math
- Intermediate Math Lab
- Middle School IEW
- Beginner Spanish- Level 1 & 2

Began teaching at UHC in 2020



## Meet Katlyn Cinicola

**Education** Bachelor's of Science degree in Special Education

**Teaching Experience:** Preschool Special Education: teaching students with varying abilities in social emotional and pre-academic readiness skills for three years.

### **Certifications:**

- South Carolina Multi-Categorical k-12 Special Education
- Read to Succeed Endorsement
- Google Educator level 1 certification

**UHC Courses Taught:** 1st grade

Began teaching at UHC in 2023.

# 1st Blue Spruce- 2 Day Model (Mondays & Wednesdays)



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**Education** Bachelor's of Science degree in Special Education

**Teaching Experience:** Preschool Special Education: teaching students with varying abilities in social emotional and pre-academic readiness skills for three years.

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**UHC Courses Taught:** 1st grade

Began teaching at UHC in 2023.



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- 5th Grade Math
- Intermediate Math Lab
- Middle School IEW
- Beginner Spanish- Level 1 & 2

Began teaching at UHC in 2020

## K3 - 2nd Music- 1 & 2 Day Models



## Meet Elizabeth Nugent

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Lander University

**Teaching experience:** UHC Elementary Music Teacher 2012-2018, Piano Teacher 1993-2000, 2011–2014, 2023-Present

**Homeschool experience:** Homeschooled our two sons 2005-2018, 2020-2022

**Courses taught:** K3-2nd Grade Elementary Music Classes

**Began Teaching at UHC in 2012-2018, 2024-**

## K4 - 2nd Art- 2 Day Model



## Meet Krista Milburn

**Education:** Liberty University, Elementary Education

### Teaching experience:

- K5 teacher at Grace International School, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- K5-2nd grade art teacher at Masters Challenge Academy
- 1st-3rd grade teacher Crestview Christian Co -op
- K5 Teacher at UHC
- Homeschooled oldest daughter through High School and continuing to homeschool youngest daughter

### UHC courses taught:

- K5
- K4-2nd Art

### Began teaching at UHC:

- 2017-2020
- 2023

