# 1ST GRADE

LANDMARK ACADEMY

# CURRICULUM BROCHURE

# ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

At Landmark Academy, we believe every child deserves a learning environment where they feel supported, challenged, and inspired.

Whether in our traditional classrooms or through Landmark Online, your student can thrive in a close-knit school community built on strong relationships.

We take pride in our focus on building character and leadership skills right alongside academics—helping students grow into confident, capable individuals who are ready to succeed in school and in life.

## Our Mission

Landmark Academy, recognizing the unique giftedness of each individual student, works in cooperation with parents and the community to provide a nurturing and challenging environment that encourages academic excellence, character development, and a love for lifelong learning.

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# WHAT TO EXPECT

At Landmark Academy, our curriculum is designed to nurture the whole child — academically, socially, and emotionally.  Landmark is nationally accredited by Cognia, and our curriculum is aligned to Michigan state education standards.

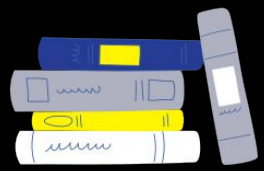
This brochure provides an overview of Landmark Academy's 1st Grade Curriculum. Inside, you'll find a summary of what students learn and experience throughout the school year.

Each section highlights:

- **Core Academic Subjects** – English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies
- **Specials** – Art, Music, Physical Education, and Technology
- **Grade-Level Focus Areas** – Key skills, knowledge, and developmental goals unique to this grade

This information is designed to help families understand what students will explore and achieve during the first grade year at Landmark Academy — and how each experience builds a foundation for future learning.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



Students in first grade will develop their skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening by:

- Retell stories including characters, settings, major events, and key details
- Read various types of text at a first-grade level
- Identify main topics and retell key details in informational texts
- Learn and apply first-grade phonics skills, including consonant digraphs, long and short vowels, syllables, and inflectional endings
- Fluently read first-grade sight words
- Decode and spell grade-appropriate words
- Write opinion, informative, and narrative pieces
- Use conventions of standard English when writing and speaking
- Learn and apply grammar appropriate to the first-grade level

# MATHEMATICS

Students in first grade will develop their skills in:

- Using addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems
- Fluently adding and subtracting within 10
- Applying various strategies to add and subtract within 20
- Reading, writing, and counting numbers to 120
- Understanding place value
- Comparing and measuring object lengths
- Telling and writing time to the hour and half-hour
- Reasoning with shapes and their attributes
- Describing equal shares of shapes

# SCIENCE

Students in first grade will develop their skills in planning and conducting simple investigations with data collection across physical, life, and Earth sciences.

Topics include:

- Physical properties of matter
- States of matter
- Magnets
- Basic needs and life cycles of animals
- Observable characteristics passed from parent to offspring
- Solar energy and weather

# SOCIAL STUDIES

Students in first grade will develop their skills in the social studies disciplines:

- History
- Geography
- Civics and Government
- Economics

Students will explore social studies through the context of families and schools.

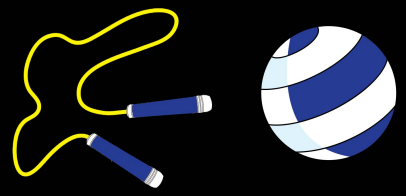
# ART

K–5 students learn class rules, procedures, and art room safety. They work with basic color theory and elements of design. Students are encouraged to create and experience art outside the classroom to recognize the influence of art in our world.

# MUSIC

K–5 students explore music through singing, instruments, and movement. They begin to build a singing vocabulary and sense of beat and meter, applying tonal and rhythmic skills to singing, dancing, and playing instruments.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



K–5 students learn safe practices and class procedures that build a foundation for positive communication during group activities. They are encouraged to participate in physical activities outside of PE class and recognize the lasting health benefits of moderate and vigorous activity.

# COMPUTERS/TECHNOLOGY

Students utilize technology to enhance learning across all academic areas. Teachers and students use technology to investigate new concepts, practice skills, and demonstrate knowledge.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Landmark utilizes the Oculus Go VR experience in the classroom!

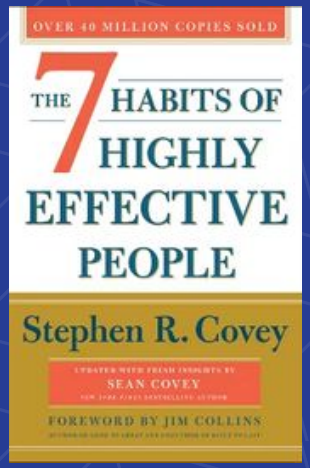
# LEADERSHIP & CHARACTER EDUCATION

At Landmark Academy, education goes beyond textbooks. We're proud to be a Leader in Me school, preparing students for a global economy and equipping them with skills to successfully navigate a world of constant change and choice.

Through our Leadership & Character Education program built on The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, students prepare for life, not just the classroom.

In every grade level, we help students:

- Lead themselves first with responsibility, goal-setting, and strong decision-making.
- Build positive relationships by learning teamwork, empathy, and respect.
- Think critically and creatively to solve problems with confidence.
- Contribute to their community by modeling integrity, service, and leadership.




Leader in Me®

*"We love Landmark Academy! Our daughter started in Kindergarten and is now in High School. Dress code, character education and the personal attention/connection from the teachers has been a blessing."*

# Have more questions about curriculum or enrollment? Contact us today!

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