

The First Grade Program

At a Glance

Moorestown Friends School's twin pillars of academic rigor and spiritual and ethical development come to life each day for our first grade students. In small classes students participate in an integrated program of reading, writing, language arts, mathematics, social studies and science organized around diverse themes and student-initiated investigations. Learning is hands-on; subjects come alive as students read, write, ask questions, interview experts, conduct experiments, take field trips and share their learning. 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 Spanish 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 and are both student- and school-initiated.

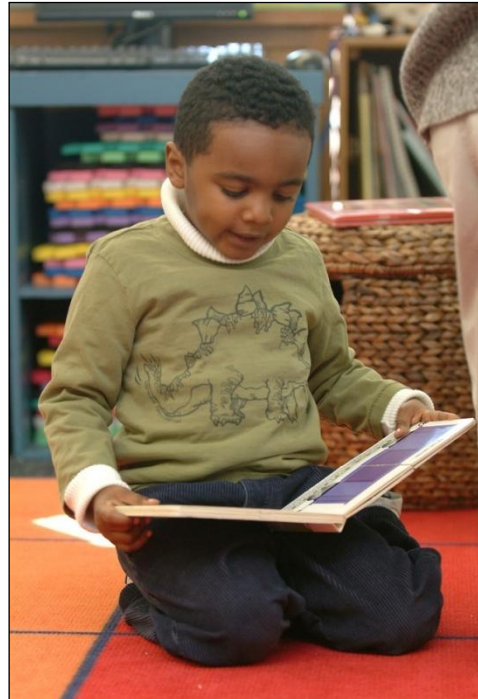
Through our commitment to academic rigor and spiritual and ethical development, Moorestown Friends Lower School strives to help our first grade students develop tough minds and tender hearts.

Program Features

- Small Class Size of 18
- 1:9 Teacher Student Ratio
- Early Care (beginning 7:15) and After Care (through 5:45)
- Reading Workshop
- Guided Reading
- Writing Workshop
- Growing With Mathematics
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Quaker Values-The Examined Life Program

Specials

- Spanish
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Library
- Quaker Education
- Computers
- Science



A Typical Day's Schedule

Classroom door open at 7:55 a.m.

Morning Activity

Morning Meeting

Reading Workshop

Handwriting

Snack

Special Area Class

Writing Workshop

Word Work

Lunch

Recess

Math

Investigations

Special Area Class

Free Choice

Dismissal



Special Events

All-School Picnic (September)

All-School Thanksgiving Happening

Winter Concert

Arts & Literature Week

Spring Musical

Grandparents Day

End-of-Year Family Party