



FIRST GRADE

GENERAL INFORMATION

RSM Christian School (RSMCS) provides first graders with a well-rounded education, including Bible, math, science, language arts, and social studies, all taught to meet California State Standards. Enrichment subjects like physical education, music, Spanish, STEAM, art, and library are taught by specialized teachers. Students also attend field trips throughout the year. The school is accredited by ACSI and WASC, and our teachers are Christians, ACSI certified, and credentialed.

SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL

Bible

RSM Christian School's Bible curriculum emphasizes Old Testament stories that teach Godly character traits and highlight God's gifts, such as family, friends, salvation, and guidance for righteous living. Students are encouraged to read and memorize Bible verses weekly, learning how the Bible reveals God's plan for wise living.

Curriculum: *DeepRoots*.

Chapel

RSM Christian School holds inspiring weekly chapel services with powerful worship and meaningful messages. Students are encouraged to serve and love others by supporting local and global outreach partners, fostering compassion and community engagement.

Social

RSM Christian School emphasizes Christian character development and biblical conflict resolution. The Prayer Partners program pairs older students with younger ones to foster mentoring relationships. Additionally, the school focuses on developing independent study habits, executive functioning skills, and a growth mindset to prepare students for academic and personal success.

ACADEMICS

Mathematics

RSM Christian School emphasizes basic math functions and problem-solving in areas like classification, patterning, time, measurement, place value, fractions, addition, subtraction, graphing, symmetry, geometry, and word problems. Special activities include the annual 100th Day of School celebration.

Curriculum: *Purposeful Design Math 1* (BJU), IXL Math, and Mad Dog Math.

Language Arts & Reading

RSM Christian School focuses on reading comprehension and analyzing literature from a biblical worldview. Students improve fluency through phonics, sight words, oral reading, and discussion. Writing skills are developed with a focus on grammar, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and penmanship.

Curriculum: Leveled reading groups, the Kids A-Z program, IXL Language Arts, and *Phonics and Reading 1*, *Spelling 1* (BJU Press), *Handwriting* (Zaner-Bloser), and *Write Reflections*.

Science & Health

RSM Christian School emphasizes studying states of matter, plants, animals, weather, and recording and graphing observations. Students conduct experiments and engage in individual and group projects for hands-on learning in a dynamic scientific environment.

Curriculum: *Science 1* (BJU).

Social Studies

RSM Christian School emphasizes studying citizenship rights and responsibilities, map skills, U.S. symbols, traditions, history, basic economics, and cultural diversity. Students engage in hands-on activities and projects designed to inspire them to be Gospel influencers.

Curriculum: *Heritage Studies 1* (BJU).

Enrichment

Art
Library
Music
Physical Education
Spanish
STEAM
Technology