



# FIRST GRADE

**First grade at Lighthouse is when we build upon** the solid reading and phonics foundation that was laid in Kindergarten, helping our students develop fluent, oral reading skills while nurturing their creativity through short story writing. First grade is also when our students' math skills begin to take shape, from two and three digit addition and subtraction to problem solving. Core curriculum also includes language arts, social studies, Bible, science and is augmented with technology, art, library, and music class specialists.

## Cornerstones of Lighthouse First Grade

- Reading groups that support and challenge differing reading levels, including an online reading comprehension program – Accelerated Reader
- Scripture memorization and character education through studies in Genesis, the Gospels and Acts
- Math and science labs for hands-on learning
- Project-based learning incorporates technology and public speaking
- Student author and illustrator opportunities complement writing achievements
- Biblical worldview approach to teaching and learning

*"Expressing my gratitude for Lighthouse Christian School seems impossible! However, simply put, LCS and it's extraordinary staff have brought out the best in my daughter! Her skills and her confidence - things that she always had within her - were brought to life here! A parent couldn't ask for anything more than their child being happy in conjunction with reaching their ultimate potential. A key to success!"*

Lauren M.  
LCS Parent



**WHERE LEARNERS BECOME LEADERS**  
Grades K - 8th | [www.lcschool.org](http://www.lcschool.org)

## How Lighthouse Christian School students performed in Standardized Testing 2015-16:

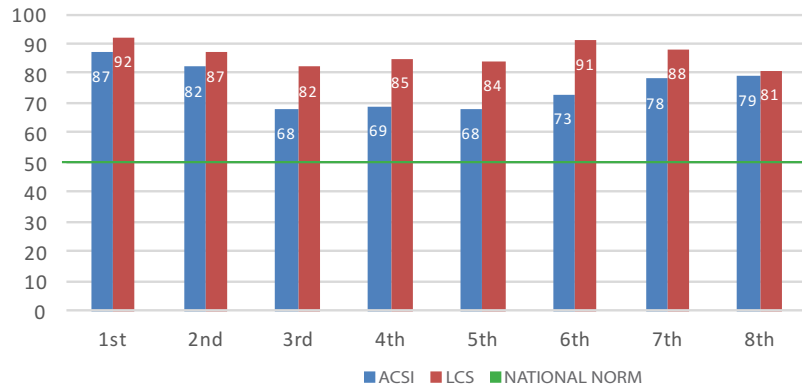


Our students score, on average, in Standardized Testing in the top 15th percentile in the nation.

The LCS academic program demonstrates a strong balance in foundational skills.



### Total Score: Reading, Language and Math



# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

## READING

- Expressive and fluent oral reading
- Increased comprehension
- Increased word recognition from contextual reading
- Reading Groups that support and challenge differing reading levels
- Introduction to Accelerated Reader (online reading comprehension program)

## WRITING

- Complete sentences
- Short stories
- Journal writing
- Manuscript penmanship
- Creating books

## PHONICS/LANGUAGE

- Pronunciation rules
- Spelling patterns
- Compound words, opposites, synonyms, rhyming and homonyms

## MATH

- Subtraction/Addition facts through 12
- Using multiple addends
- Counting by ones, twos, fives, and tens
- Carrying to the tens and hundreds place value
- Counting patterns (odd, even, etc.)
- Money
- Measurement (linear, liquid, weight)
- Graphing
- Story Problems
- Reading analog and digital clocks

## BIBLE

- Biblical characteristics (forgiveness, kindness, humility, etc.)
- Bible memorization
- Genesis, the Gospels, Acts
- Chapel

## SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

- American freedoms, symbols
- Pilgrims, Washington and Lincoln
- Ocean animals and plants
- Weather/seasons
- Five senses
- Health
- Community Helpers

## SPECIALISTS

- Technology
- Science Lab
- Math Lab
- Library
- Art
- Music
- PE

## FIELD TRIPS/SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Seattle Aquarium
- Gig Harbor History Museum
- Farm Field Trip
- Animal reports
- Pilgrim presentation
- Speech Meet
- Service/Ministry projects