



# 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 an introduction to problem solving. Core curriculum also includes social studies, Bible, science and is augmented by technology, art, library, music and Spanish.

## **Cornerstones of Lighthouse First Grade**

- Reading groups that challenge many reading levels, including an online reading comprehension program – Accelerated Reader
- Biblical characteristics and Bible memorization. Students study Genesis, the Gospels, and the book of Acts
- Bi-weekly elementary science lab with hands-on experiments
- Special projects and reports incorporating technology and public speaking
- Opportunity and instruction to author and illustrate their very own original book

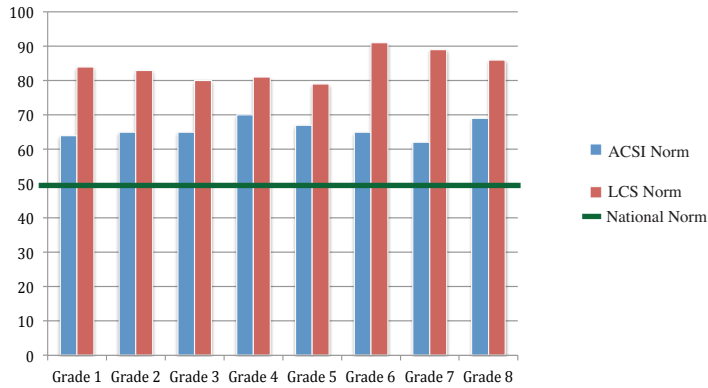
*"We are so thankful for the caring and devoted staff and teachers at Lighthouse. Since starting first grade this year, we have been very pleased with our son's continued reading growth based on the valuable skills that he learned in kindergarten and the way in which his teachers have nurtured his love for reading."*

Kelli Schneider  
First Grade Parent

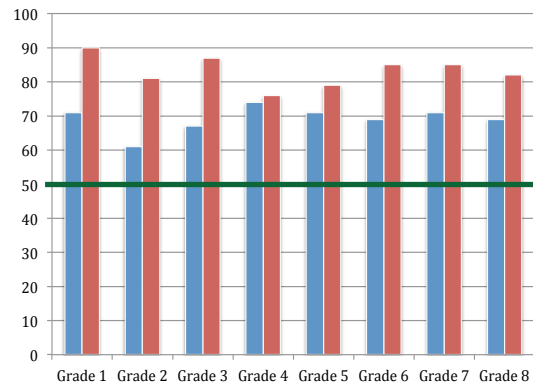


## How Lighthouse Christian School Students Performed in Standardized Testing for 2012-13:

### READING



### MATH



# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

## **READING:**

- Fluent oral reading with expression
- Answer comprehension questions
- Recognize new words from context
- Reading Groups that challenge many reading levels
- Introduction to Accelerated Reader (online reading comprehension program)

## **WRITING:**

- Complete sentences
- Short stories
- Journal writing
- Manuscript
- 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, & tens
- Carrying to the tens and hundreds place
- Counting patterns (odd, even, etc.)
- Money
- Measurement (linear, liquid, weight)
- Graph
- 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
- Library
- Art
- Spanish
- Music
- PE

## **FIELD TRIPS/SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

- Animal reports
- Pilgrim presentation
- Speech Meet
- Seattle Aquarium
- Gig Harbor History Museum
- Terry's Berries Farm