

Year One

Science and Nature Study

This year students will focus on the study of forest life, weather and insects. We will be using Arabella Buckley's *Wild Life in Woods and Fields*, *One Small Square: Woods*, assorted picture books for our study of weather and two additional books, one each on bugs and bees.

History

Students will work through the first section of *A Child's History of the World*, meeting the world of the Ancients. Supplemental books needed for this year include the following: *Seeker of Knowledge: The Man Who Deciphered Egyptian Hieroglyphs* by James Rumford, *Mummies, Pyramids and Pharaohs: A Book About Ancient Egypt* by Gail Gibbons, *Cleopatra* by Diane Stanley and several more.

Geography

The books selected for geography in Year One introduce young students to land forms and bodies of water using *Geography from A to Z*, the continents using *The Seven Continents* and other topics using various other picture books. *Me on the Map* by Joanne Sweeney gives a gentle introduction to maps.

Literature & Poetry

Students will read poetry primarily by A. A. Milne, although a picture book version of *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* is also enjoyed. Literature for this year includes such works as *Winnie the Pooh*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Velveteen Rabbit* and *Mr. Popper's Penguins* and several others.

The Arts

Artists Studied: Edgar Degas, Mary Cassatt and Paul Cezanne

Composers Studied: Various-this year is an introductory year to various children's classics using the audio CD: *Classics for Children*. Several picture books supplement this introduction including: *Peter and the Wolf*, *The Nutcracker* and *Meet the Orchestra*.