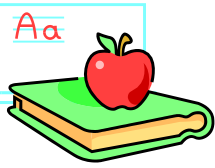


# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



Connecting school and home through family learning!

**George Washington** is one of the famous people studied in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. During the 30 minute mansion tour at Mt. Vernon visitors learn about Washington not just as a soldier but also an entrepreneur, stepfather and kid! The Hands-On History room even lets kids play games and dress up.  
[www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)

First Grade science focuses on both **plant and animal life**. The United States Botanic Garden is a delight for botany lovers big and small with its Garden Court, Medicinal Plant exhibit and more. ([www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov))

To explore **animal life**, you'll want to visit the National Museum of Natural History and its Hall of Mammals, featuring 274 creatures from around the world. While there you can also explore the Orkin Insect Zoo where you can check out the tarantula feedings and crawl thru a model of an African termite mound! ([www.mnh.si.edu](http://www.mnh.si.edu))

1<sup>st</sup> Graders are introduced to the concept of **recycling**. Take your kids to the National Portrait Gallery to see the "Hampton Throne". For more than 12 years, former janitor James Hampton used thousands of recycled objects and scraps of aluminum foil to build a huge, shiny throne in his garage. Close by is the "Bottlecap Giraffe", another example of beautiful art made by recycling everyday items.  
[www.npg.si.org](http://www.npg.si.org)

1<sup>st</sup> Graders study **objects in motion** and the National Postal Museum is a great place to see, do and explore while studying the history of mail service and stamps! Call ahead for planned seasonal activities in the Discovery Center, near the statue of Ben Franklin, the first U.S. postmaster.  
[www.postalmuseum.si.org](http://www.postalmuseum.si.org)