

Welcome to First Grade!



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What Will My Child Learn and do in First Grade?

- *Independently practice and review fundamental math and literacy skills to gain understanding and mastery of grade level skills
- *Practice math skills such as rote counting, one-to-one number correspondence, place value, telling time, counting coins, number sense, measurement, addition & subtraction, graphing, and greater/less than concepts
- *Write to communicate to an audience
- *Develop and refine grade appropriate writing skills such as capitalization, correct punctuation, and spelling
- *Work on the writing process and improve fine motor skills/handwriting

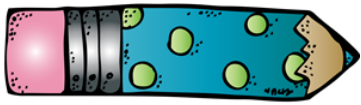


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- *Work on literacy activities that provide opportunity to explore & practice writing, manipulate sounds & spelling patterns, reading, developing vocabulary, re-telling & summarizing stories, and building fluency & comprehension
- *Make connections through knowledge, strategies, skills, and vocabulary to other areas such as reading, writing, and math concepts
- *Use iPads to explore and create
- * Students will showcase their work on their digital portfolios/ SeeSaw
- *Develop in areas such as problem-solving skills, spatial reasoning, interpersonal skills, self-confidence, sharing, and taking turns





First Grade Expectations:

- Writes all lowercase and capital letters correctly
- Provides the common sounds corresponding to consonants and vowels
- Uses initial consonant sounds and sound patterns to read words (e.g. c +at = cat)
- Writes simple sentences with proper capitalization and punctuation
- Identifies Dolch words (pre-primer through 1st grade)
- Put events of a story in order
- Re-tells a story including details
- Uses learned spelling patterns and spells unknown words phonetically
- Recognizes and writes numbers to 120
- Tells time to the nearest hour and half hour

Report Card Grading Scale:

Academics:

- 4:** Exceeding Grade Level Standards
- 3:** Meeting Grade Level Standards (3 is the goal for the grade level and should be celebrated!)
- 2:** Showing progress towards grade level standards
- 1:** Support needed to achieve grade level standards

Characteristics of successful learners:

Based on Warrior PRIDE

Positive Choices

Respect

Integrity

Determination

Engaged

4: Always

3: Most of the time

2: Some of the time

1: Seldom

Their score reflects how often they exhibit those behaviors.

Ways to Help your Child Succeed:

Get a head start! Introduce the curriculum to your child over the summer:

Read, read, and read

*Practice sight words

*Retell stories in sequential order including key details

*Ask your child what a new word means and discuss

* Write short stories to practice spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and handwriting

Send them off on the right foot

*Encourage independence at home

*Make sure they have a nutritious breakfast and lunch and a healthy amount of sleep

Be involved

*Communicate with the teacher

*Look through their book bag and folder each night

*Ask them what they are working on in school

