

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

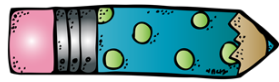


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- Work on literacy activities that provide opportunity to explore & practice writing, manipulate sounds & spelling patterns, reading, developing vocabulary, re-telling & summarizing stories, and building fluency & comprehension
- Make connections through 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
- 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:

Students are assessed based on the ABC's for success~

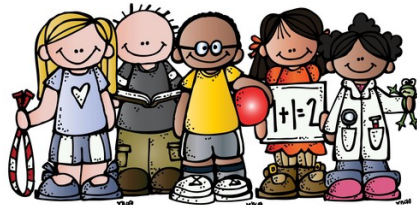
A- Act responsibly

B- Be respectful

C- Choose carefully

- 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