

Your child will be expected to know the words below. They are known as "sight words" because many of the words cannot be sounded out. Your child will also learn new words from their reading story each week.

PRIMER SIGHT WORDS

all	four	out	this
am	get	please	too
are	good	pretty	under
at	have	ran	want
ate	he	ride	was
be	into	saw	well
black	like	say	went
brown	must	she	what
but	new	so	white
came	no	soon	who
did	now	that	will
do	on	there	with
eat	our	they	yes

FIRST GRADE SIGHT WORDS

after	give	live	take
again	going	may	thank
an	had	of	them
any	has	old	then
ask	her	once	think
as	him	open	walk
by	his	over	were
could	how	put	when
every	just	round	
fly	know	some	
from	let	stop	

How Can You Help Your Child?

1. Practice the name and sound of each letter of the alphabet. Use sidewalk chalk to write letters, play with letter magnets on the refrigerator, or play alphabet "I Spy" in your child's favorite book.
2. Read stories, poems, and nursery rhymes with your child every day. When your child can read, encourage him or her to reread favorite books.
3. Ask about the characters or events in a book.
4. Talk about the meanings of new words they see or hear.
5. Practice sight words. Play a "word of the day" game at your house with a sight word each day.
6. Visit the library often. Allow your child to pick books that interest your child. Help your child pick books with repeating words, rhyming words, or predictable stories.
7. Practice counting and writing numbers to 120. Play card and board games to practice counting skills
8. Play addition & subtraction games with household objects.
9. Play pattern games to help your child identify, repeat, and complete a pattern.
10. Practice grouping objects into groups of ones and tens.
11. Practice naming shapes of real-world objects.
12. Keep a box filled with school supplies at home. Important supplies to have on hand are: kid-friendly scissors, pencils, a pencil sharpener, erasers, crayons or colored pencils, glue stick and paper.

When school starts, if you have a concern about your child's progress or development, speak with your child's teacher.



A Guide for Families

First grade is an exciting year filled with new experiences. This guide will assist you in helping your child prepare for first grade and throughout the school year. Enclosed are lists of the most important skills for students to gain during their year in first grade.



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FOUNDATIONAL READING SKILLS

- ◆ Understands organization and print.
- ◆ Understands spoken words, syllables and sounds.
- ◆ Reads with accuracy and fluency (appropriate pace and expression):

2nd Term Goal: 47 words per minute

3rd Term Goal: 65 words per minute

4th Term Goal: 82 words per minutes

Literary Text

- ◆ Asks and answers questions about key details.
- ◆ Retells stories and understands message or lesson.
- ◆ Describes characters, settings, and major events.
- ◆ Compare and contrast character experiences.

Informational Text

- ◆ Asks and answers questions about key details.
- ◆ Identifies main topic and retells key details.
- ◆ Describes connections between two individuals, events or information
- ◆ Determines and clarifies meanings of words and phrases.

WRITING SKILLS

- ◆ Writes opinion, informative/ explanatory, and narrative pieces
- ◆ Focuses on topics
- ◆ Uses digital tools to publish writing
- ◆ Recalls or gathers information

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- ◆ Demonstrates understanding of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
- ◆ Understands figurative language, word relationships, and words with multiple meanings.
- ◆ Uses acquired words and phrases.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS

- ◆ Participates in collaborative conversations.
- ◆ Asks and answers questions.
- ◆ Describes familiar people, places, things, and events with details.
- ◆ Adds drawings or visuals to clarify.



MATH SKILLS

- ◆ Adds and subtracts within 20; fluently (accurately and quickly) within 10.
- ◆ Counts to 120, starting at any number less than 120.
- ◆ Understands tens and ones; tells 10 more or 10 less of a number.
- ◆ Compares numbers.
- ◆ Organizes, represents, and interprets data.
- ◆ Orders objects' lengths.
- ◆ Tells & writes time in half-hour and hour using analog/digital clocks.
- ◆ Builds and draws shapes.
- ◆ Partitions shapes into halves, fourths, and quarters.

SOCIAL SKILLS and WORK HABITS

- ◆ Follows school rules
- ◆ Pays attention during class
- ◆ Follows instructions well.
- ◆ Works well independently.
- ◆ Works collaboratively with others.
- ◆ Respects rights and property of others.
- ◆ Accepts responsibility for actions.