

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!!!



Dear First Grade Families,

We look forward to working with you and your child in reaching their fullest potential. We will have many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow in the days, weeks and months ahead.

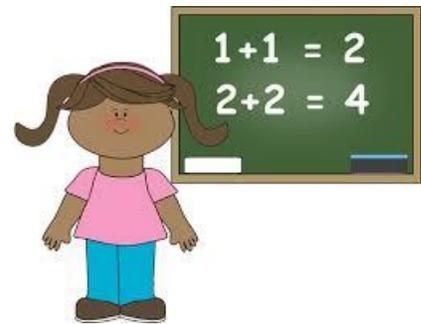
First grade is a year full of firsts. It's the year your child will start writing stories, adding and subtracting and even conducting small science experiments. Most importantly, it's the year they begin to read!

ACADEMICS:

MATH

By the end of first grade students...

- Understand and use the concept of “ones” and “tens”
- **Add** and **subtract** numbers to 20 with ease
- **Tell time** to the hour and half hour
- Count, write and order numbers to **120**
- **Measure** with simple units
- **Identify shapes** and their attributes
- **Describe data** and **analyze** and **solve word problems**



ELA

We will focus on developing phonemic awareness, decoding skills, word recognition, comprehension and oral reading fluency. The more sight words a student knows, the more fluently he/she will read. Reading is very important! Students will begin to read fluently at their grade level and will be expected to comprehend what they have read. **Students MUST read EVERY night at home!** These simple tips will help your beginning reader:

- Encourage your child to use his/her finger to point to each word.
- Read a sentence and have your child repeat it.
- Take turns reading a sentence or a page.
- Talk about the story as you read it. What do you think will happen next? What does this story remind you of? How do you think the character(s) feel?
- Don't be afraid to read stories over again! Repeated reading helps build reading fluency!



WRITING

We will do lots of writing. Children are encouraged to use phonetic spelling when they start. The goal is to encourage risk taking and independence in writing.

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

Our science curriculum has 3 units, 6 topics and multiple lessons within each unit and topic. Students will explore Physical Science, Earth Science and Life Science. The topics include:

- Sound/Light
- Sky and Earth
- Weather/Seasons Living Things
- Parents/Offspring



Students will engage in meaningful discussions in Social Studies. Our Social Studies curriculum is new this school year and has four different units. Students will be engaged in conversations about family diversity/family stories, maps/geography and global citizenship.

With all that said, we believe that communication is the key to a great parent-teacher relationship. We are huge supporters of frequent home-school connections. It is our hope that this note will be the basis of a great deal of communication between us and we look forward to working together to make this school year a huge success!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to a wonderful school year!



With Great Appreciation,

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