

Dear Parents of Upcoming First Graders,

We are looking forward to you joining us in the next school year! In order to insure the transition to first grade is a bit easier on your child, it is important that he/she maintain or acquire the necessary skills to begin the year off on a positive note. Below is a list of necessary skills your child should be working on over the summer in order to have them ready for first grade. Daily practice is crucial.

Students should

- Know all 70 phonograms orally and written.
- Know proper formation of letters and numbers.
- Be able to read fluently (approximately 40 words per minute).
- Be able to write three sentence paragraphs on a topic with correct punctuation.
- Know the elements of informative, narrative, and informative-narrative stories.
- Be able to count to 100.
- Be able to count by 2's to twenty, 5's to one hundred, and 10's to one hundred.
- Know what comes before and after a number.
- Know addition and subtraction facts to 10.
- Be able to name coins and know their value.
- Be able to identify shapes: triangles, rectangles, squares, ovals, and circles.
- Know how to tie their shoes, fasten a belt, and zip a zipper independently.

While these are not all the skills your child should know prior to first grade, these are a good number to focus on prior to the start of the new school year. Daily practice and repetition is important.

We want to thank you in advance for helping prepare your child for a successful year in first grade!

- The First Grade Teachers

In addition to having the necessary supplies for school, to help your child be successful at home please have on hand the following "tools":

- pencils
- crayons and/or colored pencils
- scissors
- 12 inch ruler
- stapler and/or paper clips

If possible, set up a quiet work area for your child. This can help them stay focused and complete work in a timely manner.