

Welcome to First Grade – Summer Learning



Reading

- Retell a story in sequential order and identify the main character and setting
 - Five fingered retell (characters, setting, problem, events, and solution)
- Read accurately and fluently to support comprehension
 - Ask questions such as “What is happening in the story?” “What do you think might happen next and why?” “Does the story or character remind you of something or someone?”
 - Have your child read for at least 10 minutes a day to build reading stamina
- Apply grade level phonics and word analysis skills when reading
 - Have your child practice reading to self, reading with a partner, and listening to reading
 - When reading with your child, encourage her/him to sound out unfamiliar words. Try not to say the word for them, allow some productive struggle.
 - Read to your child so they can hear a fluent reader

If you wish to browse leveled books online, visit this link: <https://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/guided-reading-levels.html> (First graders typically begin the year around level J.)

Writing

- Write a complete sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation
 - Have your child keep a journal over summer
 - Allow them to write freely or if needed, give prompts
 - Allow time to build writing stamina- student should be able to write for 10 minutes

Math

- Add and subtract fluently with sums up to 20
 - Fluency looks like: using different strategies to quickly produce an answer within 10—15 seconds
- Understand place value up to 1,000
 - Add two-digit numbers using strategies based on place value
 - Read and write numbers to 1,000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form
 - Count within 1,000
 - Skip count by 2s, 5s, 10s, and 100s

If you wish to practice these skills, here is a link to Khan academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Life Skills

As kids move into the first grade, we work with them on developing independent life skills. These are some of the skills we will work on with your child at the beginning of the year.

- Tie their shoes
- Zip up jacket
- Organization: putting own things away