Parents' Guide to First Grade Learning Targets for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics

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~ Reading ~

By the end of First Grade your child should be able to:

- Identify and write beginning, middle, and ending sound in one-syllable words.
- Put together 3 to 4 sounds to make a word.
- Break words apart into individual sounds.
- Produce sounds for common letter combinations.
- Decode (sound out) words with consonant blends (sp, br, gr) and digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh)
- Apply different reading strategies such as decoding with chunks and using picture clues
- Identify high frequency words automatically.
- Learn and use unfamiliar words introduced in stories and informational passages in his/her everyday conversations.
- Read fluently and smoothly
- Read accurately (1 mistake in 20 words).
- Self-correct a reading error.
- Tell the main idea of a simple story or identify the topic of an informational passage by answering who, what when, where, and how questions.
- Predict and draw conclusions about a story.

Reading Activities to do at Home

Good readers can unlock the puzzle of print and enter a joyful world of reading.

- Read with your child or have your child read at least 20 minutes/day.
- Use magnetic letters to create one syllable words.
- Discuss the book with your child by asking:
  - What is your favorite part? Who were the characters? What was the problem?
- Encourage your child to make his or her reading sound like talking.
- Break apart the sounds within a new word if the word is not read automatically.
- Have students play “Memory” by matching two cards with the same high frequency word on it, while at the same time reading them.
By the end of First Grade, your child should be able to:

- Use invented spelling to spell words on his/her own.
- Understand that there is a correct way to spell words.
- Write for different purposes such as lists, stories, explanations, and letters.
- Begin to proofread and correct their own writing.

**Writing Activities to do at Home**

- Provide a variety of writing tools to your child such as pencils, markers, crayons, and colored pencils.
- Encourage your child to write everyday for different purposes, such as letters, lists, thank you notes, and simple stories.

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**~ Mathematics ~**

By the end of First Grade, your child should be able to:

- Learn basic addition and subtraction facts.
- Solve 2 digit addition and subtraction problems.
- Identify numbers as odd or even.
- Compare and order numbers from 1-100.
- Identify place value for ones, tens, and hundreds (example: 38 = 3 tens and 8 ones).
- Determine how shapes are alike and different.
- Learn to tell time (hour and half hour)
- Learn money (1, 5, 10, 25 cents)

**Mathematic Activities to do at Home**

Children enjoy mathematics because it relates to real life objects and situations.

- Use flash cards for addition and subtraction.
- Skip count (Example: 5, 10, 15, 20 or 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 or 3, 6, 9, 12).
- Practice counting forward and backward from 1—100 and 100—1.
- Sorting change by quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies.
- Identify fact families (Examples 5+8=13, 8+5=13, 13-5=8, 13-8=5).
- Estimate the number of items in a collection or set.