

Science

Students will...

- ◆ Understand scientific concepts in all content areas: habitats, sun & moon, plants & animals, force & motion.
- ◆ Communicate scientific observations.

Ways you can help...

- ◆ Help your child find things in your home that a magnet will or will not attract.
- ◆ Go on a neighborhood walk and find ten living and nonliving things. Discuss their similarities and differences.
- ◆ Visit a zoo and discuss ways that animals are alike and different.
- ◆ Observe the moon phases together and look for patterns.
- ◆ Encourage play with toy cars, yo-yos, springs and marble track toys. Discuss the motion of the toys and the forces that cause the motion.
- ◆ Encourage your child to pose questions and allow them to answer those questions through experimentation.

Health and Fitness

Students will...

- ◆ Demonstrate rules to live safely, reduce health risks, and make informed decisions.



Ways you can help...

- ◆ Practice ball skills by rolling at a target, bouncing, and catching.
- ◆ Shop at the grocery store, and have your child pick out one healthful food in each group.
- ◆ Identify healthy food choices and fitness activities.
- ◆ Encourage active outdoor play, involving balance and strength.
- ◆ Schedule activity times for the family.

Social Studies

Students will...



- ◆ Recognize similarities and differences among people and cultures.
- ◆ Understand individual rights and responsibilities within a community.
- ◆ Develop an understanding of geography.

Ways you can help...

- ◆ Use simple maps together.
- ◆ Visit libraries and museums, and talk to older adults to learn about historical events.
- ◆ Discuss the reasons for rules in the family and why rules are necessary.
- ◆ Increase your child's awareness of family and cultural traditions.

Art & Music

Students will...

- ◆ Communicate ideas using art.

Ways you can help...

- ◆ Encourage your child to create things at home by providing crayons, paints, pencils, and paper.
- ◆ Have your child draw a landscape with a definite sky and land.
- ◆ Play music and dance with the beat.
- ◆ Sing with your child. Discover high and low sounds.
- ◆ Play musical and rhythmic games together.
- ◆ Use everyday household items as musical instruments.
- ◆ Attend a school music performance.



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First Grade Curriculum Overview

Parents and other family members play a vital role in a child's success in school. A strong partnership between home and school is a key to this success.

This pamphlet gives you an outline of the content and skills taught in first grade, and some ways to help your child achieve them. A detailed description of the first grade standards and expectations are available from your child's teacher.

Communication and cooperation between home and school is essential for a successful educational experience.

We look forward to working with you!



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Reading

Students will...

- ◆ Decode words using a variety of strategies.
- ◆ Read accurately and fluently at grade level.
- ◆ Read with comprehension.



Ways you can help...

- ◆ Read to your child every day and vary the type of material.
- ◆ Leave notes around the house, in your child's lunch box or under your child's pillow.
- ◆ Spend time talking about the meaning of stories, and retelling them together.
- ◆ Make a cozy place to read at home.
- ◆ Check out books on tape at your local library. Listen to them at bedtime or in the car.
- ◆ Ask your child to guess what will happen next as you read along in a story.
- ◆ Ask your child if the events in a story could happen in real life.
- ◆ Make a regular library visit as part of your regular real life.
- ◆ Let your child see you and other members of the family enjoying reading.
- ◆ Read a variety of genres, talk about the different features.

Writing

Students will...

- ◆ Write clearly and effectively.
- ◆ Write complete sentences with correct punctuation and capitalization.
- ◆ Spell familiar words using spelling rules, word families and high frequency words in all work.
- ◆ Use correct letter formation, line orientation and spacing.

Ways you can help...

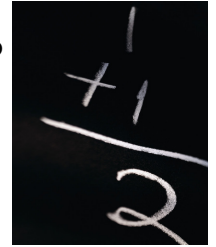
- ◆ Provide writing materials of all kinds, colors, textures, and sizes and encourage your child to use the materials on a daily basis.
- ◆ Create a photo album or scrapbook representing "A Year in the Life of..."
- ◆ Help your child write a postcard to a friend or relative and mail it together. Have a friend or relative write back to your child through the mail.
- ◆ Write a story together then decide how to change it to make it better, add more details, etc.
- ◆ Proudly post your child's writing and artwork around the house.
- ◆ Provide opportunities for your child to participate in family projects and problem solving.



Math

Students will...

- ◆ Identify, count, write and compare whole numbers to 120.
- ◆ Recognize number patterns and read aloud numbers to 1000.
- ◆ Use equals sign (=) to express equivalence of expressions.
- ◆ Identify features of 2 and 3 dimensional shapes.
- ◆ Use tables and graphs to interpret data.
- ◆ Use calendar and know the days of the week and months of the year.
- ◆ Solve story problems using a strategy.



Ways you can help...

- ◆ Together, construct 3-D shapes (cubes, cones, prisms) using blocks, straws or other materials.
- ◆ Find pictures or create things to count.
- ◆ Play Dominos with your child.
- ◆ Help your child to read numbers that you see on cars, signs and in books.
- ◆ Post a calendar with the months and days spelled out; "Check" the day/month with your child.
- ◆ Listen to your child explain how he/she would go about solving a problem and ask questions like: "What do you have to figure out? How will you get started? What do you already know?"
- ◆ Connect math learning to every day life. Talk with your child about how you use math when you follow a recipe, go to the bank, check the temperature.