

Curriculum Expectations

In the first grade, your child will continue to develop and expand the following reading and writing skills:

Reading:

- Ask and answer questions about key details
- Retell stories including: key details, demonstrate understanding of central message, describe characters, setting and major events
- Know and use various text features
- Identify reasons an author gives to support points in a text
- Recognize basic features of print (capitalization and punctuation)
- Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables and sounds



Writing:

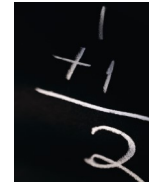
- Be introduced to the writing process through journals, writing prompts and letter writing
- Write opinion, informative/explanatory and narrative pieces
- Use upper and lowercase letters appropriately
- Participate in shared research projects
- Learn to recognize and write complete sentences
- Develop writing mechanics (capitalization and ending punctuation)



Your child will also study the following Math, Science, and Social Studies skills and concepts:

Math:

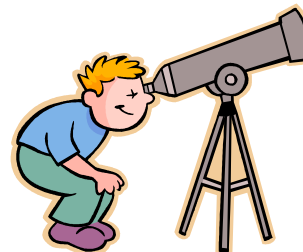
- Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction
- Work with addition and subtraction equations through 20
- Understand place value using tens and ones
- Use place value understanding to add and subtract
- Tell and write time to the hour and half-hour
- Measure lengths indirectly
- Represent and interpret data
- Reason with shapes and their attributes



Science: Students learn to use their skills of observation, communication and problem-solving to explore the world of science through the study of patterns and relationships in light and sound, nature and space systems.

Social Studies:

- Self
- Family
- Community



Assessment Practices

First grade utilizes a variety of assessment tools throughout the school year. Some may include: NWEA (given 3 times a year) and IStation (given monthly), district made end of unit assessments, data binders and teacher observations.



Home-School Communication

Classroom teachers use newsletters, phone calls and notes as necessary to communicate with families regarding classroom and school activities as well as student progress. Teachers also have a webpage that will be continually updated. On our webpage you will find: learning objectives, updated announcements, a calendar with important upcoming dates, links to fun websites and much more. We strongly recommend visiting your class website to keep up to date.

Homework Expectations

Your child will be assigned weekly homework to reinforce skills being taught in the classroom. Homework will always be a review on skills already learned. This will include nightly reading assignments as well as written assignments. Nightly homework is designed to help your child develop responsible learning habits and critical time management skills. Your support will ensure that your child gains maximum benefits from the homework assignments.

Fun Learning Activities for Home

- In a spiral notebook, have your child write about and illustrate some of their favorite activities
- Read, listen to, and discuss stories
- Visit the library regularly
- Write letters to friends and relatives
- Play learning games (like "Chutes and Ladders", "Hi Ho Cherry'O", and Concentration)
- Work jigsaw puzzles
- Learn new songs and rhymes



First Grade Supply List

- 1 plastic pencil box
- 6 glue sticks
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 package 12 colored pencils
- 1 package broad markers
- 1 package fine markers
- 1 package of 2 yellow highlighters
- 3 plain composition notebooks
- 3 plain spiral notebooks (1 subject, wide-ruled; 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 red)
- 2 dozen yellow #2 pencils with erasers
- 2 boxes of 4 broad-tip, low odor **BLACK** dry-erase markers
- 1 **white** 1" 3-ring binder (hardback)
- 6 **plain paper folders with pockets and fasteners** in the following colors: 1 red, 1 blue, 1 green, 2 yellow, 1 purple
- 2 **plain plastic folders with pockets and fasteners** to be used for everyday use: 1 red and 1 blue
- **The following wish list items would be greatly appreciated. Please consider donating one or more of these items to your child's classroom:** Quart and gallon zip-lock bags, Kleenex, hand soap or hand sanitizer, and Earbuds/headphones (for student use on classroom computers/Chromebooks)



***Please label your child's backpack, but do not label the other supplies as some items are shared by the class or will be labeled by the teacher with titles for specific activities. Thank you for helping us teach your child very important organizational skills that will help him/her be successful throughout his/her educational career!

*****All supplies are for student use only*****

Welcome to First Grade at Enchanted Hills Elementary School



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