

Welcome to First Grade

FIRST GRADE READINESS CHECKLIST

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Follows rules and routines at home and in kindergarten
- Uses materials purposefully and respectfully
- Comfortably adapts to changes
- Shows eagerness and curiosity as a learner
- Sustains attention to a single task over a period of time
- Works, plays and shares with others
- Participates in group activities
- Respects the feelings and rights of others
- Uses words to resolve conflicts
- Seeks adult help when needed

Reading & Comprehension

- Listens with interest to stories read aloud
- Retells a simple story
- Recognizes the association between spoken and written words
- Recognizes all the letters of the alphabet in order
- Distinguishes between and prints capital and lowercase letters
- Associates letters and sounds
- Distinguishes likenesses and differences of letter sounds in spoken words
- Recognizes rhymes and rhyming patterns
- Makes predictions about a story or passage based on the title and/or pictures
- Identifies words and constructs meaning from picture clues in text
- Identifies basic sight words
- Distinguishes fact from fiction
- Begins to understand simple punctuation marks (period, question mark, etc.)
- Locates the title, author name, illustrator name and table of contents

Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reads and writes own name • Tells a story using pictures • Uses letters or shapes to depict words or ideas • Writes familiar words • Copies or writes words to convey messages • Participates in group dictated stories • Builds simple words and sentences • Demonstrates left-to-right progression, and top-to-bottom progression • Handles writing tools correctly
Language & Listening Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands and follows simple directions • Listens to others for short periods of time without interrupting • Participates in discussions and conversations • Asks questions • Speaks clearly to convey messages and requests • Uses complete sentences • Composes oral stories • Retells a simple story with basic elements of beginning, middle and end
Numbers, Operations & Math Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names numerals 0 through 30 • Writes numerals 0 through 20 • Uses counting skills to add to 10 • Classifies and compares objects • Solves problems by guessing and checking using manipulatives or fingers • Understands and uses comparative words (long and short, heavy and light, etc.) • Identifies, labels and creates a variety of shapes • Shows an understanding of the calendar and knows the days of the week and months of the year

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