



# Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Sweet Apple Elementary

As a First Grade Team, we have found these topics to be the Top 5 BEST ways to prepare your upcoming first grader for success!





# Reading Skills

- **Students should come to first grade with the ability to identify all lowercase and uppercase letters.**
- **First graders are expected to know the difference between a consonant and a vowel.**
- **They should also know the short vowel sounds for a, e, i, o, and u.**
- **Students should know the difference between fiction and nonfiction.**
- **Rising first graders should know how to retell a story.**



# Writing Skills

- Rising first graders are expected spell their first and last name independently.
- Students should have proper pencil grip.
- Students should know that sentences begin with an uppercase letter and end with punctuation.
- They should also have proper spacing between their words when writing a sentence.





# Math Skills

- Rising first graders are expected to count and identify numbers to 100.
- Students should be able to count backwards within 20.
- Students should be able to add and subtract fluently within 10.
- Students should be able to identify basic 2D and 3D shapes such as a circle, cube, triangle, and cone.





# Basic Skills

- If students are going to wear shoes with laces, they need to be able to tie them without assistance.
- Students must know how to independently login to Classlink with their student ID number and their birthday password.
- Students should know how to independently unpack and open items from their lunchbox.
- Students are expected to properly wash their hands.



# Social Skills

- There are no paraprofessionals in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Students will be expected to show respect, be responsible, and be ready to learn.
- Socially, your child will be expected to understand reporting versus tattling. This also means your child will use their SSS Lessons and Counseling Sessions to help them solve problems on their own.
- Students will be expected to follow multi-step directions.
- Students should know clinic expectations. The clinic is a place to go if you are truly feeling unwell. Minor scrapes and cuts can be taken care of in the classroom.





We can't wait to meet your  
first grader!