



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 diagraphs (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.



~ Writing ~

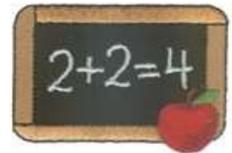
By the end of First Grade, your child should be able to:

- 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.

~ 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.