



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GRADE 1

ELA GRADE 1

By the end of first grade, students will have had an opportunity to engage with the core concepts listed below.

- Use phonics (matching letters and sounds) to decode words in reading and writing that include digraphs (two consonants that make one sound, like th- in three or -sh in fish), blends (two consonants that come together and keep both sounds, like bl- in blade or gr- in green), common long vowel patterns and multi-syllable words.
- Use word analysis strategies to figure out unfamiliar words when reading and writing.
- Read independently every day, building stamina in the length of books read and length of time read.
- Retell stories and understand facts and information from different sources and genres.
- Write experiences, teach about a topic, and communicate opinions for various readers.
- Produce and expand complete simple and compound statements, questions, commands, and exclamations.
- Use proper capitalization and punctuation when writing.
- Take part in conversations about topics and texts by responding to the comments of others and asking questions to clear up confusion.



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR STUDENT

- "Have we read together for 20 minutes today?"
- "Can you tell me what happened in this story?"
- "What did you learn and what are you still wondering?"
- "How did you figure out that tricky word?"



WAYS TO CHALLENGE THEIR THINKING

- Pick a topic to learn about by reading books and doing research online together.
- Listen to your child read and reread "just-right books" (books that aren't too easy or too hard).
- Support your student in writing each day, including helping with real world writing, like reminder notes or chore lists.
- Encourage your student to use phonetic spelling, legible handwriting, capitalization, and appropriate spacing.

