



KINDERGARTEN

At a Glance



Literacy

Kindergarten literacy focuses on foundational communication, phonics, and early reading skills.

Core Skills & Focus Areas:

- Listening to and understanding conversations, using new vocabulary, and expressing ideas in complete sentences.
- Recognizing uppercase and lowercase letters and identifying beginning letter sounds, rhyming words, and word parts.
- Understanding how print works (tracking words from left to right) and drawing pictures to communicate thoughts.



At-Home Activities

- **Sound Guessing Game:** Close eyes and guess everyday sounds (clapping, snapping). Say names of friends/family and talk about the letter sounds.
- **Letter Hunts:** Look for letters on environmental print (stop signs, food packaging, recipes) and practice tracking words with a finger as you read together.
- **Storytelling & Drawing:** Encourage your child to draw pictures representing their daily routine or feelings, and recap family stories.



Math

Kindergarten math builds early number sense, spatial awareness, and basic categorization.

Core Skills & Focus Areas:

- Counting to 20 in sequence and recognizing written numbers 0–9.
- Counting up to 10 objects using one-to-one correspondence and comparing groups using terms like more, less, or equal.
- Sorting objects by attributes and identifying basic 2D shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle).



At-Home Activities

- **Counting Games:** Play Hide-and-Seek counting to 20, or count steps taken to the mailbox.
- **Household Sorting:** Sort laundry or toys by color/size, and count how many items are in each group.
- **Shape Hunts:** Spot basic shapes on house items, license plates, clocks, or playground equipment.



FIRST GRADE *At a Glance*



Literacy

First grade emphasizes decoding strategies, reading comprehension, and descriptive communication.

Core Skills & Focus Areas:

- Applying phonics rules (letter blends like st, ch) and reading high-frequency sight words (the, of, to).
- Asking and answering key detail questions (who, what, where, when, why, how) about stories and informational texts that are read aloud or independently.
- Understanding how text and pictures work together; writing journals, letters, and simple responses.



At-Home Activities

- **Writing & Word Play:** Practice letter formation by writing names of family members. Then, highlight any letter blends or digraphs (e.g., bl, st, th, ch, wh, sh). Point out multiple-meaning words while reading (e.g., duck: a type of bird vs. duck: to squat down).
- **Shared Reading & Questioning:** Read books together daily and ask your child to predict what will happen next based on cover illustrations.



Math

First grade transitions students into foundational operations, place value, and measurement.

Core Skills & Focus Areas:

- Counting up to 120 starting from any number; understanding two-digit place value (tens and ones).
- Adding and subtracting within 20 and solving word problems using properties of operations.
- Identifying 2D and 3D shapes (hexagons, cubes, cylinders, spheres) and measuring lengths using non-standard tools.



At-Home Activities

- **Place Value Walks:** Look for 2-digit numbers on mailboxes or street signs and identify how many tens and ones make up the number.
- **Coin & Card Math:** Play addition or subtraction games with cards or a jar of coins to find pairs that make numbers up to 20.
- **Shape Building:** Cut a sandwich into geometric shapes ("tanwich") or build models using household items.



SECOND GRADE *At a Glance*



Literacy

Second grade ELA focuses on deeper reading comprehension, story structure, vocabulary strategies, and fluent writing.

Core Skills & Focus Areas:

- Identifying story elements, character responses to events, point of view, and main ideas.
- Using context clues, prefixes/suffixes, and root words to determine unfamiliar word meanings.
- Writing organized texts with standard grammar, reflexives, adjectives, adverbs, and correct punctuation.



At-Home Activities

- **Perspective & Retelling:** Ask your child who is telling the story in a book or movie, and practice retelling the main points.
- **Vocabulary Games:** Play matching games with compound words (e.g., pancake, snowman) or search for descriptive words in magazines.
- **Shared Projects & Recipes:** Cook together, reading and writing down steps in a recipe.



Math

Second grade math deepens understanding of place value, multi-digit operations, and standard units of measurement.

Core Skills & Focus Areas:

- Understanding three-digit place value (hundreds, tens, ones) up to 1,000.
- Fluently adding and subtracting using mental math, place value strategies, and equations to solve multi-step word problems.
- Measuring and estimating lengths using standard measurement units (inches, feet, centimeters, meters).



At-Home Activities

- **Base-Ten Address Hunt:** Select 3-digit street numbers and represent them using drawings (squares for hundreds, sticks for tens, dots for ones).
- **"Get to Zero" Game:** Start with a 3-digit number, roll a die, and subtract that many ones or tens until reaching zero.
- **Measurement Toss:** Throw a ball or frisbee and measure the distance using a tape measure, string, or feet.



Universal Screening

Georgia's Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act (H.B. 307) requires the use of universal reading and dyslexia screeners to help elementary school teams understand areas of strength and weakness in your child's reading development and to notify you of the screening results after each of the three administrations.

The determination of a student being at risk for not meeting grade-level proficiency in reading is based on multiple data sources called universal screeners. Universal screeners help us understand areas of strength and weakness in your child's academic development.

Universal screeners are administered in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Reports are sent home shortly after each screening window closes.

Grade	Fall	Winter	Spring
K	GKIDS; STAR Early Literacy & Math	STAR Early Literacy & Math	STAR Early Literacy & Math
1st	STAR Early Literacy & Math	STAR Early Literacy & Math; CogAT	STAR Early Literacy & Math
2nd	STAR Early Literacy, Reading, & Math	STAR Early Literacy, Reading, & Math	STAR Early Literacy, Reading, & Math



Grading

We use a Standards-Based Reporting system in grades K–2 to provide clear feedback on your child's developmental progress.

Performance Levels

4
Distinguished

Independently exceeds grade-level expectations and demonstrates advanced proficiency.

3
Proficient

Meets grade-level expectations consistently and without assistance.

2
Developing

Working toward the standard; requires occasional support or shows partial understanding.

1
Beginning

Needs frequent support to demonstrate understanding.

Key Focus: Progress is evaluated against end-of-year grade-level standards, celebrating growth throughout the school year.

Individual assignment grades, end-of-term Progress Reports (Oct., March), and end-of-semester Report Cards (Dec., May) are visible in the Infinite Campus Portal.