

Literacy

OVERVIEW

In first grade, literacy focuses on foundational skills and knowledge that students need to learn to read and write. They develop phonemic awareness (the ability to hear and manipulate sounds in words), understand letter-sound relationships (especially in short words, words with blends, and words with vowel teams and final e.), recognize and write high-frequency words and learn basic grammar, sentence structure and different modes of writing. Students interact with a wide range of texts that helps them develop comprehension and vocabulary. They recall details from a story including characters and setting.

Benchmarks Learned:

- Reading and writing words with short vowels, vowel teams, final e and blends.
- Reading and writing high-frequency words.
- Reading and comprehending fiction and nonfiction. Students will know the difference between fiction and nonfiction and will be able to identify differences.
- Students will be able to ask and answer questions about a text. They will also ask and answer questions about a topic when listening to others speak.

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Helpful Home Tips:

- Read stories at home to your child or take turns reading a story with your child. Ask them questions about the text.
- Point out words in your environment. Have your child write often, ie., grocery lists, calendar dates, words for objects around the house.
- Play with sounds with your child. Ask them to tell you the sounds in words, rhyming words, change the first sound in a word to make a new word.
- Bring your child to the library and allow them to choose books to read. After they have read a book, have them draw a picture or write about what they read.

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Math

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First grade math focuses on numbers and patterns to 120. Students will also learn addition and subtraction strategies and place values with tens and ones. Students begin to use measurement, tell time to the half hour and identify shapes.

Benchmarks Learned:

- Identify and understand patterns in numbers to 120.
- Place Value with tens and ones.
- Learn and use a variety of addition and subtraction strategies.
- An introduction to measurement, telling time, geometry and data.

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Helpful Home Tips:

- Help your child by counting different objects, counting aloud starting at different numbers and identifying a number that comes before and after a specific number. Use a 120 chart with your child to practice counting patterns.
- Help them identify the tens and ones in a two digit number.
- Ask them to draw rows of ten with connected squares and individual squares and write the number.
- Give your child two numbers and ask them to add or subtract them. Have your child add two groups of objects. Give your child a total group of objects and take some away.
- Help your child notice shapes in the real world, ask questions like longer or shorter when comparing items. Ask your child to tell the time at the half hour and hour.

Social Emotional Learning

OVERVIEW

In 1st Grade, students continue to learn about listening and paying attention. They also continue to learn about feelings, managing strong emotions, solving problems, and getting along with others.

Skills:

- Identify their emotions and why they feel that way.
- Follow rules/routines across settings.
- Identify areas of strength and growth.
- Identify ways to calm self.
- Recognize that emotions are linked to behaviors.
- Identify similarities and differences among people.
- Demonstrate cooperative behaviors with others (sharing, helping, saying please/thank you, etc.)

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HELPFUL HOME TIPS:

- Label your emotions and explain the reasons for them.
- Practice turn-taking when playing games.
- Set small goals for the day.
- Provide opportunities for your child to make choices.
- Establish rules and provide explanations for them.