

# Is your child ready for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade?

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade! Our school's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teachers have put together a checklist to help you ensure that your child will be successful when they enter 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in the fall. Please use this list as a guide of what your child can practice over the summer months to prepare them for our time together. We can't wait to guide your child through a fun and rigorous year!

## Life Skills

- Tying shoes
- Zipping coats
- Having responsibility for their actions
- Being honest
- Knowing left and right
- Asking someone to play
- Independently attempting new activities
- Not tattling
- Using the restroom independently
- Having a homework and sleep schedule
- Following multi-step directions in order
- Having problem solving skills
- Using words to solve conflicts
- Knowing how to be away from mom and dad
- Having stamina to get through an 8 hour day
- Having responsibility at home with consequences for not doing what is expected
- Following rules and routines
- Knowing and understanding their after-school plan
- Working, playing and sharing with others
- Knowing how to wait your turn
- Raising a hand to speak
- Opening snacks and juice boxes on their own

## Academic Skills

- Orally counting to 100
- Orally counting backwards from 30
- Knowing all letters and their sounds
- Writing the numbers 0-30
- Writing all letters- uppercase and lowercase
- Identifying kindergarten sight words in 3 seconds or less
- Knowing how to write your first and last name
- Correctly forming letters and numbers
- Reading every day
- Correctly holding a pencil
- Accurately writing CVC words (consonant/vowel/consonant words)
- 1:1 counting of objects with numbers 0-30
- Knowing all colors
- Knowing the difference between asking a question and telling a story about a topic