

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Level Expectations for Next Fall

The average kindergarten student should have mastery of the following skills before entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Some will be advanced and able to do more. Some will still be developing.

## Listening/Speaking

- Respond to directions
- Ask and answer relevant questions in small and large group discussions.
- Retell spoken messages
- Listen to stories being read aloud
- Retell or act out important events in a story.
- ***Know home address and telephone number***

## Print Awareness/Phonological Awareness/Reading

- Know that print moves left to right
- Understand words are separated by spaces
- Name and identify all upper and lower case letters
- Identify and isolate the initial and final consonant sounds of a spoken word
- Have a small sight vocabulary
- Produce rhyming words and identify rhyming words from non-rhyming words
- Know the different parts of a book
- Identify simple story structure – setting, characters, problem, events, solution

## Writing

- Draw and label his/her drawing by using the dominant consonants in a word  
(ex. sn for sun)
- It is *desirable* for students to use letters to convey the dominant sounds in the words of a very simple sentence.  
(ex. *I rd mi bk.* for “*I ride my bike.*”)
- Write to record ideas, write notes, and labels

## Handwriting

- Hold pencil correctly
- Write first and last name
- Write each letter of the alphabet, upper and lower case, using correct formation (left to right and top to bottom) – some reversals are normal

## Math

- Count by ones to 100
- Write numbers 1-29 using correct formation (left to right and top to bottom) – some reversals are normal
- Count by tens to 100
- Identify, extend and create patterns
- Identify coins by name and amount
- Tell time to the hour
- Read a calendar
- Model simple addition and subtraction

## Personal Growth

- Knows how to tie his/her own shoes
- Takes responsibility for his/her own belongings and puts them in their proper place
- Keeps hands, feet, and objects to themselves