

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the 1st grade year, there are many language arts and math skills your child will learn. In order to move successfully from 1st grade to 2nd grade, your child must master certain skills called exit criteria. Your child will be learning many more skills than those included in the exit criteria. However, the skills listed below are the minimum required to move to the next grade level. As we work with your child at school to learn these skills, we encourage you to work as our partner to practice these skills at home.

Exit Criteria for 1st Grade:

- Read and comprehend at the 25th percentile as measured by MAP and/or classroom assessment tools
- Math level of 25th percentile as measured by MAP and/or classroom assessment tools
- Mastery of the skills listed below

<u>Language Arts Skills</u>	<u>Math Skills</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Knows all letter sounds (including short and long vowel sounds)● Knows 90% of 1st grade district sight word list● Reads words with CVCe pattern (Examples: cake, like, hope, etc.)● Sounds out grade level two syllable words (decodes)● Read minimum 40 words per minute on 1st grade reading passage● Orally asks and answers questions in complete sentences● Writes complete sentences (Capitalization and Punctuation)● Complete minimum of 2 writing pieces (Opinion, Informative, Narrative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Identifies and writes numbers to 100● Counts to 100● Skip counts by 2's, 5's, and 10's● Identifies hundreds, tens, and ones places in a number● Knows the meaning of common symbols (+, -, =, <, >)● Adds and subtracts facts (sums within 10)● Identifies/knows value of coins (penny, nickel, dime, quarter)● Tells, writes, and demonstrates time to hour and half hour

If the classroom teacher is concerned about your child's progress, these steps will be followed:

End of First Nine Weeks

- Classroom teacher/parent contact
- Discuss student needs and ways to help
- Possibility of extra year in 1st grade discussed

*Students enrolling after the first five weeks of school will be notified by the classroom teacher within four weeks of the enrollment date.

End of Second Nine Weeks

- Written Communication sent to parent about student progress
- Classroom teacher/parent meet
- Possibility of extra year in 1st grade
- Develop a plan for helping your child
- Ongoing parent updates

At Least Five Weeks Prior to End of School Year

- Letter sent to parent stating extra year in lower primary needed
- Classroom teacher/parent/school administrator meet
- School administrator explains Review and Appeal Procedure to parent

All placement decisions will take into consideration the following:

- Age
- Physical and social development
- Academic level in language arts and math
- Any identified disabilities

Please contact your child’s teacher, principal, or curriculum specialist if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sign, and return this portion to your child’s teacher. Please keep the rest of this letter for your reference as you work with your child at home.

I have received and read the exit criteria guidelines for 1st grade.

Student Name

Parent Signature

Date