

Dear Parents,

By the end of this quarter, first graders should be able to:

Oral Language

- Participate in collaborative conversations
- Ask and answer questions
- Describe familiar people, places, things, and events
- Speak in complete sentences

Decoding

- Recognize the features of a sentence (first word, capitalization, ending punctuation)
- Blend the beginning, middle and ending sounds of one syllable words (/c/ /a/ /t/ =cat)
- Say the beginning, middle, or ending sounds in one syllable words
- Recognize and read sight words
- Read words with endings (-s, -ed, -ing)
- Decode one syllable words with these patterns:
 - o CVC (cat)
 - o CVCe (cake)
- Read and understand first grade text with accuracy, appropriate rate and expression

Comprehension

- Ask and answer questions about key details in a text
- Use illustrations and the text to describe key ideas
- Use context to help determine the meaning of a word
- Use words to describe objects in categories

Writing

- Use knowledge of letter sounds and patterns when writing to:
 - o state an opinion
 - o explain
 - o tell a story

Social Studies

- Demonstrate characteristics of good citizens
- Explain why rules and consequences are needed
- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance