



Dear Parents,

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

Oral Language

- Continue conversations by responding to others
- Ask questions during discussions to clear up confusions
- Speak in complete sentences

Decoding

- Know long from short vowels in one-syllable words
 - 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
 - Segment one-syllable words into individual sounds
 - Know the sounds for the letters th, sh, ch, wh
 - Know the sounds for vowels in silent e words and vowel teams (ee, oo, ai, ay, ea)
 - Recognize and read sight words
 - Read words with endings (-s, -ed, -ing)
 - Decode one syllable words with these patterns:
 - CVC (cat)
 - CVCe (cake)
 - CV (go) words
- Read and understand first grade text with accuracy, appropriate rate and expression

Comprehension

- Retell stories and understand the message or lesson
- Describe characters, settings, and events in a story
- Tell the differences between books that tell stories and books that give information
- Identify who is telling the story
- Use illustrations and details to describe characters, settings, and events
- Compare and contrast adventures and experiences of characters in stories
- Identify the main topic and key details of a text
- Ask and answer questions to determine the meaning of words and phrases
- Know and use text features (headings, tables of contents, glossaries, etc.)
- Use information provided by pictures and text
- Use context to help determine the meaning of a word
- Tell the meanings of words by category (a duck is a bird that swims)
- Identify words that have similar meanings (look, peek, glance, stare, etc.)
- Use new words and phrases when speaking and writing

Writing

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

Social Studies

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

