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How can you help your child get ready for First Grade over the summer?

**Some Suggestions:**

- \*Visit the public library regularly.
- \*Read nightly to/with your child.
- \*Read, listen to and discuss stories.
- \*Keep a special summer journal to draw pictures.
- \*Write notes back and forth with your child, and help your child write letters to friends and relatives.
- \*Play fun games that require reasoning (Memory, CandyLand, I Spy, Chutes And Ladders, Dominoes, Simon Says, Cootie, Puzzles, Go Fish, Old Maid, Twenty Questions).
- \*Have your child help you cook and measure ingredients.
- \*Have your child take music, art, and/or dance lessons.
- \*Visit public museums and talk with your child about what you see.
- \*Highlight high frequency words (and, the, of, this, a, it...) in magazines and newspapers.
- \*In the car play ABC games, count forwards to 50 and backwards from 10.
- \*TALK and SHARE with your child daily and READ, READ, READ!

Practice math and reading skills while having fun and playing games



### First Grade Supply List



\***Supply Fee** - A one time fee of \$15 will be collected by the teacher to purchase any additional supplies and student magazines (if needed).

- \*1 backpack
- \*2 packages of 4 expo dry erase markers
- \*3 solid color pocket folders (1 each of: red, blue, yellow)
- \*1 School box (size: approx. 6" x 8")
- \*3 spiral wide-ruled single subject notebooks
- \*2 boxes of 24 crayons
- \*2 large pink erasers
- \*1 box of #2 pencils
- \*1 pair of school scissors
- \*2 bottles of school glue
- \*1 box Kleenex,
- \* Note: Your teacher may ask for additional Kleenex boxes, ziplock bags, Lysol wipes and/or hand sanitizer throughout the year on a voluntary basis.
- \*\*Fieldtrip Fees will be calculated and collected as needed.

Please bring your child's supplies to school at their individual assessment appointment before school starts.

*Thank you,  
The First Grade Team*



# Welcome to First Grade



**Reading: Students will...**

- \*recognize letters and sounds to decode words.
- \*recognize sight words.
- \*use reading strategies to read fluently, recall details, draw conclusions and comprehend the text.
- \*become independent readers.
- \*retell stories in sequence.
- \*explore a variety of genres.



**Writing: Students will...**

- \*form D'Nealian letters.
- \*write upper and lowercase letters appropriately.
- \*recognize and write complete sentences.
- \*explore the writing process (prewriting, drafting, editing, revising and publishing) through journals, prompts, letter writing and simple reports.
- \*develop and improve writing mechanics (punctuation, capitalization, spelling, etc.)



**Physical Education: Students will participate in team and individual sports to develop the following:**

- \*locomotor skills (galloping, skipping, running...)
- \*non-locomotor skills (jumping, leaping...)
- \*good sportsmanship
- \*self-confidence and discipline
- \*healthy lifetime habits



**Social Studies: Students will explore...**

- \*self, family and community.
- \*needs and wants.
- \*citizenship and economics.
- \*our country and the state of New Mexico.



**Science: Students will...**

- \*use the scientific method to explore "hands-on" investigations that focus on the development of science process skills such as observing, collecting data, forming hypotheses, and drawing conclusions.
- \*Our units will include:
  - Physics of Movement
  - Healthy Science 1
  - The Sky
  - Plants and Animals
  - States of Matter



**Math: Students will master / explore...**

- \*counting by 1's, 5's and 10's to 100 and by 2's to 50.
- \*addition and subtraction facts through 20
- \*time and money
- \*geometry (2 and 3 dimensional shapes)
- \*measurement
- \*estimation, probability
- \*problem solving
- \*graphing
- \*fractions

**Music: Students will explore...**

- \*rhythm and movement
- \*song and dance
- \*rhythm instrument
- \*music appreciation



**Homework Expectations:**

First graders are expected to read nightly for a minimum of 10 minutes and complete assignments that reinforce classroom skills and concepts. Homework enhances your child's academic development, study habits and responsibility. Your child should understand that homework is important. Provide your child with a quiet place, time to work and the needed supplies to successfully complete their work.

**Assessment Techniques:**

- \*portfolios
- \*content area tests
- \*teacher observations and assessments
- \*anecdotal records
- \*running records
- \*DRA reading assessments

Classroom activities and student progress will be communicated through phone calls, newsletter, notes and email.

