

Getting Ready for

First Grade

Introduction

Next year brings many exciting experiences for your child as he/she moves to first grade. This PowerPoint has been prepared to guide you in ways that you can help your child be ready for this year. We encourage you to read with your child several times a week. Practice opening food items (chip bags, Capri Suns, fruit cups, ketchup packets, etc.) Encourage your child to be independent with personal tasks such as getting dressed and putting away lunch dishes. Encourage your child to make good choices and practice self-control.

Literacy

- Reads Kindergarten level sight words; knows at least 20 sight words
- Identifies a simple sentence
- Sounds out decodable words such mop, fin, bag, pet, rub
- Spells age appropriate words in writing
- Reads nonsense words without sounding out the letters such as nuf, lig, geb, vam, bot
- Names all uppercase and lowercase letter
- Knows all sounds for letters
- Recognizes and writes first and last name
- Writes from left to right on lined paper



Math

- Adds basic facts
- Identifies numbers 0-20
- Writes numbers 0-20 neatly and correctly
- Understands the concept of numbers and quantity
- Understands one-to-one correspondence
- Subtracts basic facts
- Has an understanding of basic numbers sense



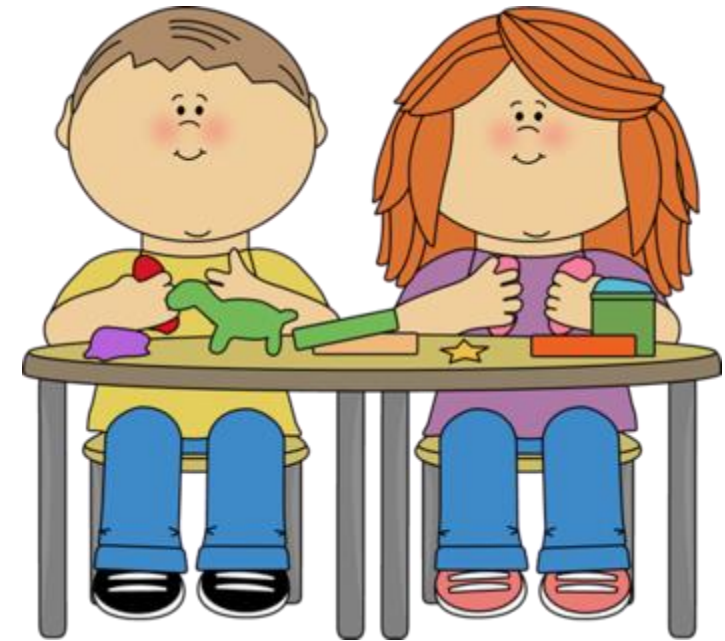
Social/Emotional

- Follows 2-3 step directions
- Stays on task for at least 10 minutes during independent work
- Maintains attention during a 10-15 minute lesson/story
- Carries out classroom responsibilities independently
- Works cooperatively in small groups with partners
- Communicates clearly and in complete sentences
- Works, plays, and shares with others
- Knows how to wait his/her turn
- Uses words to solve conflicts



Physical

- Forms letters correctly (left to right, top to bottom)
- Has good hand-eye coordination
- Knows how to properly hold a pencil, using the correct grip
- Holds scissors correctly when cutting
- Sits correctly in a chair
- Beginning to learn to tie
- Can button, snap, and zip
- Drops a ball and kicks it forward before it hits the floor



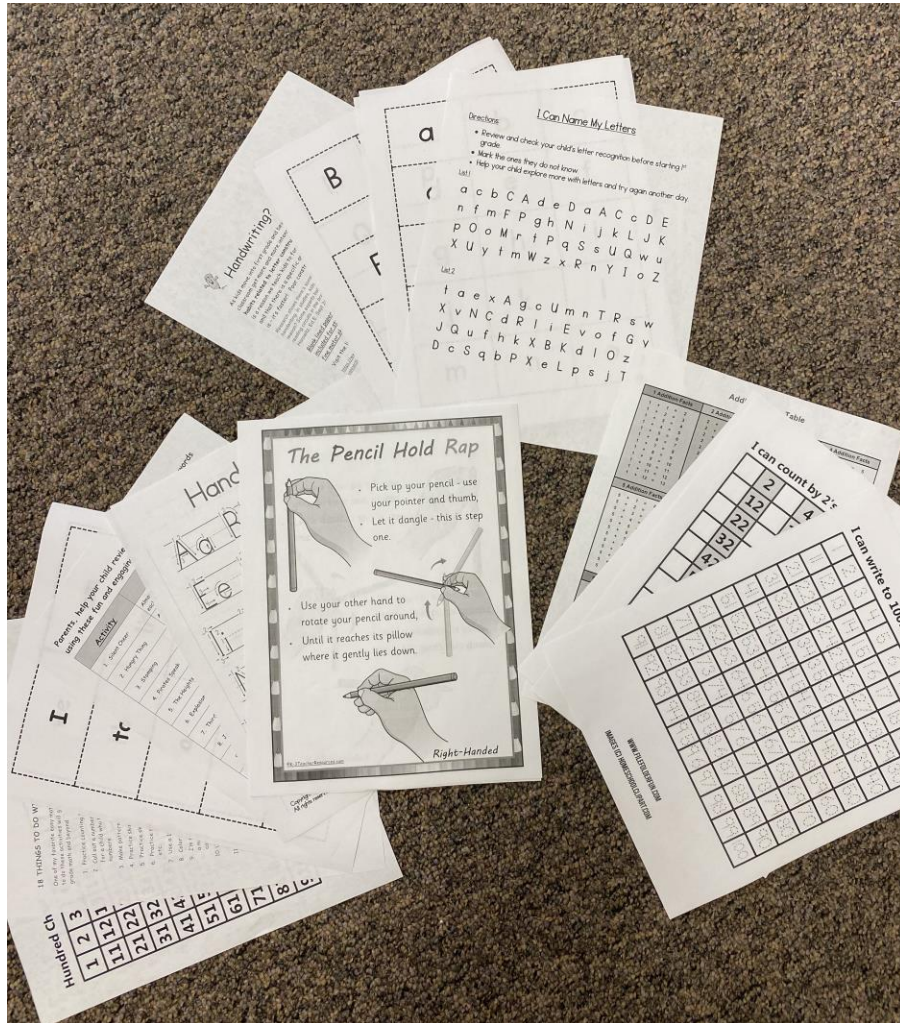
Parent Expectations

- Speak positively about school and staff.
- Communicate with teacher and sign weekly folder.
- Take time each day to talk about the school day.
- Help with homework.
- Make sure your child is prepared to come to school with needed items and supplies.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest each night.
- Make attendance at school a priority. However, please be aware of any symptoms your child might have that would indicate illness. Keep your child home if he/she has a fever.

Parent Suggestions

- Take time each day to talk to your child.
- Read to and have your child read independently every day. Ask them to tell you about the reading.
- Urge your child to use logical arguments to defend his/her opinion.
- Involve your child in activities and games that require listening and following directions.
- Support and encourage your child's independence.
- Encourage work values such as effort, persistence, and initiative.
- Encourage responsibility by having your child take care of personal belongings and assisting with simple chores.

Additional Help



Visit our school website (county website www.acboe.net) and click on "1st Grade Readiness Newsletter." There are several items that can be printed out for you to use with your child. These include: hundreds chart, Fry words list, Letter naming lists, handwriting practice.

Other Information

- Daily Folder
 - Zipper Pouch
 - Label Money in Ziploc bag
 - Spelling words; a way to communicate with the teacher.
- Tennis Shoes or closed toe shoes
- Snack Procedure
 - Can bring snack but keep it separate from lunch. Please make sure your child knows which is which.
- Phone Number
- No rolling backpacks
- Weekly Tests (reading and spelling)

Back to School Event

- **Back-To-School Event: Tuesday,
August 5 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.**
- **First Day of School: Thursday,
August 7th**

