

# Getting in Gear for 1st Grade...

In order to ensure that your child is geared up for 1st grade, please see which of the following skills your child has mastered. Many of these skills can be monitored in a matter of moments or even a car ride!

## Can your child....

- Count to 100 consecutively?
- Write numbers 1-20?
- Name the 7 days of the week?
- Name the 12 months of the year?
- Know the weekends are Saturday and Sunday (no school!!!)?
- Add numbers 0-5 (2+4, 1+3)?
- Subtract numbers 0-5 (5-2, 4-3)?
- Draw basic shapes (square, triangle, rectangle)
- Know more than, less than (5 is more than 2, 4 is less than 5)?
- Write their first and last name with a capital letter to start, lowercase letters to follow?
- Write all the letters in the alphabet in capital letters starting from top to bottom?
- Write all the letters in the alphabet in lowercase letters starting from top to bottom?  
*(we can't stress enough the importance of writing letters from top to bottom. Letters should not be written starting at the bottom (ground line. Lowercase letters should start at that middle dotted line)*
- Write a sentence using a capital to start and a period/question mark or exclamation mark at the end?
- Know when their birthday is?
- Know what their address is?
- Know what the vowels are (a,e,i,o,u)?
- Navigate the basics of a chromebook/laptop?
- Log in to devices (they will need to know how to log into things such as their chromebook and i-ready in first grade)?

Kindergarten sight word list (this should be mastered).  
Index cards are a great way to work on these words.

I	you	red	it	green	down
brown	said	with	her	the	to
my	we	make	black	have	two
will	his	an	go	yellow	for
do	by	purple	from	that	had
is	and	like	blue	was	are
little	he	they	has	see	as
can	one	of	orange	all	she
this	him	am	no	at	run
yes	love	jump	out	three	come
when	your	play	not	what	that
how	long	been	this	so	made
up	off	be	now	who	did

**It is suggested that you work on i-ready 3x a week for 20 min. on each subject reading/math. They can continue on their "My Path". There are great learning games the students can play, that just won't count as their minutes for their i-ready.**

**Suggested book series to read this summer:**

- Fly Guy by Ted and Tod Arnold
- Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- Pete the Cat by Eric Litwin

Summer reading is really important as it prepares students for the literacy adjustments to first grade. Students will be reading a lot more. By reading more first grade books, your child will build their knowledge of first grade vocabulary and improve their fluency.

Reading in the summer can be fun!!! Choose a suggested book from above and read it on a plane to your fun vacation, or as a night time ritual before bed, or even while you're waiting at a restaurant for your table to be ready!!

We can't wait to meet you on the first day of school!  
Have a fun summer :)

-First Grade Teachers.