

## High Frequency Word List

about	do	jump	right	water
after	down	just	said	way
an	every	know	saw	we
any	for	like	see	well
are	from	little	sleep	were
around	get	long	take	went
ask	going	look	that	what
away	good	make	the	when
because	got	me	their	where
before	had	my	them	will
big	has	no	there	with
but	have	now	they	would
by	help	old	this	you
call	here	or	too	your
came	how	over	very	yes
come	if	pretty	was	
day	into	put	want	
did	its	ride	walk	

\*These are words that are most seen in reading and writing. Some words are not able to be "sounded-out" for reading or spelling, therefore it is important to learn these by sight/memorization.

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**FIRST GRADE**



During first grade, students continue to build upon the reading foundational skills introduced in Kindergarten. We expect students to come ready to listen and learn. We count on and expect parents to support the teachers, parents, and school, as we continue to guide your children on their educational paths.

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# SKILLS

During our 90 minute block of English Language Arts students are immersed in the reading and writing processes. Our focus is Balanced Literacy which involves reading to, with, and by students, as well as writing for, with, and by students. This approach to reading instruction incorporates many reading strategies in order to meet the varying needs of all students. Students are guided through the writing process using Debbie Rickard and Shirl Hawes' method of writing "Five Page" books. Through this process students become confident and independent writers.

First graders also are expected to learn the basic addition and subtraction facts, along with continuing to develop math problems solving skills.

# FIELDTRIPS

Field trips are taken based on their content and curricular connection. We take two field trips during the school year. On our annual trip to Angelle Hall, students gain a deeper understanding of the human body during a live performance by Slim Goodboy. His performance incorporates health, fitness, math, reading, and science.

Each year, parents, grandparents, and siblings of our first graders are invited to attend our performance of "The First Thanksgiving". Students are given an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned in class about the meaning of Thanksgiving as well as skills

# ARTS

Students in First Grade have the opportunity to participate in all seven art forms during the year. Students rotate to a different art form every three weeks. We believe this enables the children to begin to understand various types of art and develop an appreciation for art. Art teachers work in conjunction with classroom teachers to infuse academic concepts into their art lessons. Our students are immersed in art and academics every day. Art forms include instrumental music, vocal music, dance and movement, drama, and visual art.

In addition to art, students are also taught various technology skills. First Grade classes visit the technology lab weekly to learn basic computer operation, and participate in technology infused curriculum lessons.