

# Rising 1st Graders - Summer Learning

As you prepare your child to enter 1st grade, we've put together a list of skills that are important to practice over the summer months to ensure a smooth transition. We have provided suggestions that make learning fun and active along with resources that can help you with other ideas.

## SKILLS TO PRACTICE

- Letter Identification
  - Write letters with sidewalk chalk & have child run to letter you call out
- Letter Sounds
  - Play "I Spy" - I spy something that starts with the letter \_\_\_\_
  - Cut out pictures from magazines/newspapers that start with certain letter
- Basic Sentence Structure
  - Practice writing complete sentences with a capital letter and appropriate punctuation
- Fluency
  - Ask your child to read aloud to you. Be sure they're using appropriate pacing (pausing at commas and end of sentences), using appropriate inflection (excited tone when they see an exclamation point), and reading smoothly.
- Rhyming Words
  - Recite nursery rhymes and discuss the words that rhyme
  - Cut out pictures of objects that rhyme
  - Read rhyming books together (Dr. Seuss, Llama Llama, etc.)
- Comprehension
  - While reading with your child, ask a variety of questions about the text and discuss the story.
    - Do you like this book? Why?
    - What is your favorite part? Why?
    - Who was your favorite character? What did he/she do?
    - Can you tell me the story in your own words?

## Helpful Websites, Apps, & Resources

**Smarty Ants** - access through Clever.com. Your child's username and password is their 7 digit ID number. If using a phone or tablet, be sure you've downloaded both the Clever and SmartyAnts apps.

**MyOn Virtual Library** - Thousands of books for your child tailored to their reading level. Access through Clever.com.

**ReadyRosie.com** - a research-based and standards-aligned comprehensive family engagement resource that builds on parents' knowledge. Designed for parents and caregivers to have easy access to a library of modeled, expert videos.

**Kindergarten Sight Words** - Sight words are memorized so that a child can recognize commonly used or phonetically irregular words at a glance, without needing to go letter-by-letter. Kindergarten students should enter 1st grade being able to read these words. Once these are mastered, we suggest working on the Fry Sight Word lists. You can make your own flashcards to practice by using blank index cards.

a, all, an, and, are, as, at, be, black, blue, brown, but, by, can, do, each, eight, five, for, four, from, gray, green, had, have, he, his, how, I, if, in, is, it, nine, not, of, on, one, or, orange, pink, purple, red, said, seven, she, six,

ten, that, the, their, there, they, this, three, to, two, use, was, we, were, what, when, which, white, with, words, yellow, you, your, zero

**Fry 1st 100** a, about, all, an, and, are, as, at, be, been, but, by, called, can, come, could, day, did, do, down, each, find, first, for, from, get, go, had, has, have, he, her, him, his, how, I, if, in, into, is, it, like, long, look, made, make, many, may, more, my, no, not, now, number, of, oil, on, one, or, other, out, part, people, said, see, she, sit, so, some, than, that, the, their, them, then, there, these, they, this, time, to, two, up, use, was, water, way, we, were, what, when, which, who, will, with, words, would, write, you, your

**Fry 2nd 100** after, again, air, also, America, animal, another, answer, any, around, ask, away, back, because, before, big, boy, came, change, different, does, end, even, follow, form, found, give, good, great, hand, help, here, home, house, just, kind, know, land, large, learn, letter, line, little, live, man, me, means, men, most, mother, move, much, must, name, need, new, off, old, only, our, over, page, picture, place, play, point, put, read, right, same, say, sentence, set, should, show, small, sound, spell, still, study, such, take, tell, things, think, three, through, too, try, turn, us, very, want, well, went, where, why, work, world, years

**Fry 3rd 100** above, add, almost, along, always, began, begin, being, below, between, book, both, car, carry, children, city, close, country, cut, don't, earth, eat, enough, every, example, eyes, face, family, far, father, feet, few, food, four, girl, got, group, grow, hard, head, hear, high, idea, important, Indian, it's, keep, last, late, leave, left, let, life, light, list, might, mile, miss, mountains, near, never, next, night, often, once, open, own, paper, plant, real, river, run, saw, school, sea, second, seem, side, something, sometimes, song, soon, start, state, stop, story, talk, those, thought, together, took, tree, under, until, walk, watch, while, white, without, young

**Suggested Reading** - Read with your child all summer. Aim to read together for at least 20 minutes per day. Engaging in a variety of books will help students increase their vocabulary. The following is a great list to get you started!

- Henry & Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
- First Grade, Here I Come by Nancy Carlson
- Frog and Toad books by Arnold Lobel
- Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon
- Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems
- Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
- Fly Guy books by Tedd Arnold
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
- The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

**Social Studies:** Social Studies is more than learning about the past. It is about building knowledge of the world and understanding how interconnected our world is. Its history, citizenship, and maps, along with expressing ideas, critical thinking, and becoming a productive citizen.

**Topics for Exploration Include:** \*How people are consumers and producers of goods and services

\*Basic map reading - recognize cities, bodies of water \*Citizenship and traits of good citizens *This is a very short list from the numerous topics students will explore next year. To see the complete list of standards (topics), visit: [TN Academic Standards for Social Studies](#)*