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## BASIC SKILLS

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### MATH

First grade is a year to explore and introduce the concrete building blocks of math, which include problem-solving, operations, and number sense.

### READING

Your 1<sup>st</sup> Grader will continue to build phonemic awareness with more complicated sounds like blends and digraphs. We will use a number of strategies for decoding words they don't know or are unable to sound out and start to answer questions about the meaning of what's been read.

### SCIENCE

First graders will be learning fundamentals skills in topics like physical science, life science, and Earth science. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade will also learn the importance of observation, note taking, and communicating information, all essential skills that they will put to use in advanced science concepts throughout the years.

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## GOALS

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### INDEPENDENCE

First grade marks an important milestone for young children who finally feel like part of a "big" school. They will eat in the cafeteria and play outside during recess with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders and the direct supervision of other teachers. These are experiences that help first graders feel more independent.

### SHARING AND WRITING

In first grade, children begin to read simple stories and can write and share about topics that are meaningful to them.

### SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL GROWTH

In 1<sup>st</sup> Grade your student will develop self and social awareness, self-management, relationship skills and responsible decision making.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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### MUSIC CLASSES

Weekly classes for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders enhance academic strengths. Making connections between music lessons and improving powers of recall for powerful learning in all subjects.

### FIELD TRIPS

1<sup>st</sup> Graders are visual learners and a field trip lets them touch, feel, and listen to what they're learning about, [which helps them] build on classroom instruction, gain a better understanding of topics, and expose them to worlds outside their own.

### HANDS ON LEARNING & SHARING

1<sup>st</sup> Graders will show exactly how what they are learning can be used in the real world. Through hands – on learning, 1<sup>st</sup> Graders will actively create something, whether an essay, story, piece of art, construction project or something else all throughout the year. This is something REAL!

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