

# Welcome to First Grade

## A PROGRAM...

- Meeting the individual needs of emerging readers, writers, and problem solvers.
- Challenging each child to his/her full potential.
- Motivating children to become lifelong learners.
- Including parents as partners in the learning process.
- Preparing all students to be proficient in all academic areas.
- Aligned to the PA standards.

Time is one of the most valuable gifts you can give your child. Every minute you spend together is an investment that will pay off for life.

### First Grade Goals

#### Language Arts ( Text: Harcourt Trophies )

Each child will:

- identify basic vocabulary.
- recognize words in context.
- use decoding/phonics skills.
- read orally with expression.
- apply comprehension skills.
- retell a story.
- become an independent reader:

#### Writing/Speaking/Listening ( Text: 4 Square and Journal Writing)

Each child will: express ideas clearly.

- use logical phonetic spellings.
- develop appropriate punctuation and capitalization.
- write complete sentences.
- communicate ideas and experiences.
- write stories with a beginning, middle, and an end.
- listen attentively.
- follow oral directions.
- use correct grammar when speaking.

Science/Social Studies - The social science are integrated into all areas of the First Grade Curriculum.

Special Area Classes - The following special subjects are taught throughout the year:

Art, Library, Physical Education, Music, and Computer

Handwriting:

Each child will  
form letter correctly using correct spacing  
write legibly in daily work

Mathematics (Text: Harcourt PS HSP Math)

Each child will

- read and write numbers accurately to 100.
- understand and apply mathematic processes.
- know basic addition and subtraction facts through 12.
- become a problem solver.
- demonstrate knowledge of concepts of time, money, place value, measurement, fractions, geometry, and estimation.
- participate in calendar math activities.

### EACH CHILD CAN LEARN

Suggestions to help your child at home:

- Discuss your child's day at school, ask what he/she learned at school today.
- Set a specific time each day for homework/study. This may be practicing vocabulary words, rereading the story text, or using addition and subtraction flash cards.
- Read to your child daily.
- Limit amount of TV time.
- Use calendars to discuss and mark important events.
- Make a "to do" list and have your child check off items as he/she completes them.
- Hold high expectations. Children usually live up to your expectations.
- Instill responsibility in your child by encouraging him/her to show you daily papers, complete homework, and to return required forms to school.
- Listen to your child read their guided reading books for 10 to 15 minutes a day.
- Encourage your child to keep a journal or diary.

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