

A sample of what your child will be learning in 1st grade Language Arts:

Arts:

- Using phonics and word analysis skills to figure out unfamiliar words
- Describing characters, settings and major events in a story using key details
- Getting facts and information from nonfiction text using text features.
- Participating in shared research and writing projects
- Taking part in discussions about topics and texts being studied
- Describing people, places, and events with relevant details
- Identifying the correct meaning for a word with multiple meanings

Here are some activities you can do with your child to support Language Arts learning at home:

- Encourage your child to read books to you. Help him or her sound out and use other strategies to figure out difficult words.
- Act out stories together from books, television, or your child's imagination.
- Pick a "word of the day" each day starting with a different letter. Have your child write the word and look for other things beginning with the same letter.
- Visit the library with your child every week. Have your child sign up for a library card.

A sample of what your child will be learning in 1st grade Math:

- Using understanding of place value to add and subtract
- Solving addition and subtraction word problems
- Adding with a sum of 20 or less and subtracting from a number 20 or less
- Comparing, recognizing, and manipulating numbers to 120
- Making composite shapes by joining shapes together, and dividing circles and rectangles into halves and fourths

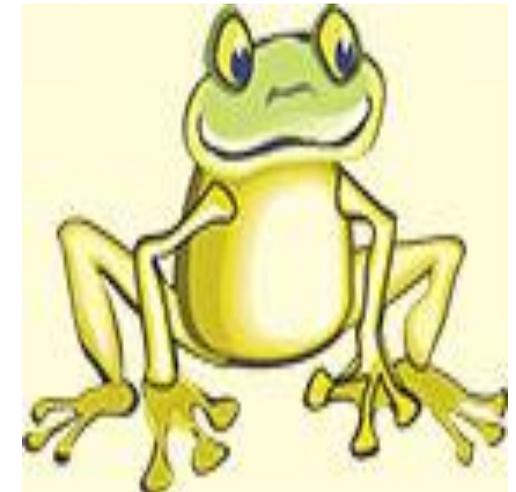
Here are some activities you can do with your child to support Math learning at home:

Look for "word problems" in real life. Some first grade examples might include:

- If you open a new carton of a dozen eggs, and your use four eggs go cook dinner, close the carton and ask your child how many eggs are left.
- While putting away toys into bins, count the number of toys in two bins and ask your child how many are in one bin compared to the other.
- Play the "I'm thinking of a number" game. For example, "I'm thinking of a number that makes 11 when added to 8."

**Reedy Creek Elementary
School
School/Parent Compact**

First Grade Focus



For Student Success

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What does it mean to be a Title I school?

- The emphasis in a schoolwide Title I school is on serving all students. Schoolwide programs maximize the impact of Title I funding in that all students in the school are served as funds are used to improve the entire educational program.

What is a family/school compact?

- A family-School Compact is an agreement between parents, students and teachers. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

Reedy Creek's Goals for student achievement:

- Reading – By June 2016, Reedy Creek students will meet or exceed growth and AMO targets in reading as measured by EOG tests and reported by EVAAS.
- Math – By June 2016, Reedy Creek students will meet or exceed growth in mathematics as measured by EOG tests and reported by EVAAS.

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

In The Classroom – As your child's teacher, I promise to...

- Use the latest research to teach students.
- Provide open communication through folders, conferences, phone calls and notes.
- Establish collaboration with the classroom teacher for student instruction and scheduling/pull-out.
- Provide materials that are interesting and motivating.
- Help parents understand instructional practices, class expectations, and grading policies.
- Plan meaningful lessons that meet individual student needs.
- Provide a safe school environment that promotes learning and encourages a partnership with the school.
- Employ effective classroom management skills.
- Promote a feeling of belonging for all.

At Home – As the child's parent/guardian, I promise to...

- Read with my child every night and model good reading habits for them.
- Attend school activities and parent-teacher conferences.
- Read the teacher and principal newsletters.
- Check my child's school Tuesday folder.
- Contact the teacher first if I have a concern.
- Talk with my child daily about his/her school day.
- Help my child make good choices at school and on the school bus by following the School Code of Conduct.
- Communicate and work with the school to encourage my child's learning and positive behavior.
- Help develop strong work habits by assisting my child in managing their homework and by providing a dedicated location and time.
- Encourage regular & prompt attendance.

Students – As a student, I promise to...

- Complete my homework.
- Read nightly with my parents.
- Participate in activities that help me learn.
- Participate in classroom activities.
- Ask questions when I need help.
- Help others.
- Be at school on time and regularly.
- Be responsible with my books, folders and school supplies.
- Be responsible for my actions and behavior each day.
- Be a good citizen by doing what is right because it is the right thing to do for myself and others.