

Activities that Support 1st Grade Learning

How Parents Can Help...

Reading

- Read aloud to your child daily.
- Discuss the stories you have shared.
- Provide reading material.
- Have your child read to you.
- Visit the library regularly.



Writing

- Provide pencils, crayons, markers and paper.
- Write stories together.
- Write simple messages to your child.
- Help your child learn spelling words.
- Help your child write letters and postcards to family and friends.

Listening & Speaking

- Encourage your child to be respectful when speaking.
- Enjoy listening and performing poems, songs and finger plays.
- Encourage and develop your child's ability to follow directions.

Mathematics

- Practice counting with your child by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Play math games using cards, dice, etc.
- Practice money, measuring and time.
- Use a calendar.
- Discuss size, shape and patterns.
- Practice addition and subtraction to 20.



Science/History

- Take nature walks with your child.
- Do simple science experiments.
- Visit museums, zoos and parks.
- Share stories about your family and ancestors.
- Involve your child in elections, celebrations and community

service.

Study Skills

- Be aware what your child is studying.
- Check your child's backpack daily.
- Provide a place in your home for papers that require parent attention.
- Place homework and notes in backpack to return to school.
- Have a quiet place for your child to do their work.
- Set a regular time for homework everyday.
- Encourage your child to stay on task and complete their work.
- Set rules of conduct for study time.
- Attend school functions and parent conferences.
- **Make Learning a Priority in Your Home!**

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