

"Kick Start" Needs for Grades PK- 1st Grade

These are the identified skills necessary for students to kick start the year in the right direction. Please spend time over the summer reinforcing these important skills so your child can start the new year off successfully.

Incoming PK4 Students:

- Acknowledge/respond/raise hand when their first name is called
- Identify their first name in print
- Beginning to write their first name properly- first letter capital, the rest lower case
- Follow 1-2 step verbal directions
- Ask questions when need help
- Using scissors independently
- Proper pencil grip
- Beginning to identify upper and lower case letters of the alphabet
- Identify and write numbers 0-10
- Counting 5 or more objects using one to one correspondence
- Identify shapes- circle, triangle, square, rectangle, heart, star
- Identify colors- red, yellow, orange, blue, green, purple, brown, black
- Able to complete all restroom and dressing needs independently

Incoming KINDERGARTNERS:

- Know full name, age, address, & phone number
- Identify and write name using initial capital letter and rest lower case
- Say alphabet, not sing
- Identification of letters and sounds
- Recognize and read simple sight words- A, and, the, I, is
- Identification of numbers 1-20
- Create AB patterns
- Concept of print materials:
 - Where is the title?
 - Where is the beginning of the book?
 - Where do I begin to read (top to bottom)?
 - When you finish a page, where do you read next?
 - Where is the end of the book?
 - How do the sentences flow (left to right)?
- Identify basic shapes- circle, triangle, square, rectangle, heart, star
- Understand positional words- above, below, on, over, under, etc.
- Recognize and read color words- red, yellow, orange, blue, green, purple, brown, black
- Write numbers 1-10
- Follow 1-2 step verbal directions
- Sit and listen to story/presentation for at least 10 minutes

Incoming FIRST Graders:

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Know basic high frequency words and sight words from Kindergarten
- Recall details from what is read
- Decode and encode using all letter correspondences within a word
- Recognize and identify all upper and lower case letters
- Match consonant sounds to symbols
- Use inventive spelling to write
- Print first and last name independently, first letter capital, rest lower case
- Use spacing between letters and words
- Form upper and lower case letters correctly

MATH

- Identify objects by shape
- Relate position to number sequence—the first block, the second block
- Sort and classify by size, shape, and color
- Count orally to 20, 50, and 100
- Count backwards from 20
- Identify, write, and count numbers 0 to 20
- Count objects, rearrange, and count again
- Represent the number of objects with a numeral
- Count by fives to 100
- Count by twos to 20
- Count by tens to 100
- Identify the next number more and the next number less than any named number
- Model addition by joining two sets
- Model subtraction situations by separating, comparing, or finding



Prayers for Grades PK- 1st Grade

Included in our religion curriculum is prayer. Students are asked to learn new prayers throughout their time with us. Below is a list by grade level of the prayers students are expected to know and recite.

PK: Sign of the Cross
Guardian Angel

K/1st: Lord's Prayer (Our Father)
Hail Mary
Glory Be
Morning Offering

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Morning Offering

O loving God, I give you today,
all that I think, and do, and say.
I give you my love with Jesus, Your son.
I will try to be kind and love everyone. Amen

