

2011 - 2012

## GRADE 1

### LITERACY REQUIREMENTS FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

The children should come into First Grade knowing:

- the names of the letters
- the sounds of the letters
- basic sight words (see list of words that were taught in Kindergarten)

### READING ALOUD

I am enclosing a list of books for you to read aloud to your child during the summer. Research shows that *"the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children"* (Becoming a Nation of Readers 1985). Reading aloud is not just for children who are not reading yet. All children benefit from parents reading aloud to them. If your child is already reading, have him/her read other books in addition to the ones you read aloud.

### MATH CONCEPTS FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

These skills should have been mastered in Kindergarten:

- Recognize numbers 0 through 30, especially 11 through 19
- Rote counting to 100
- Basic understanding of addition and subtraction
- Days of the week & months of the year in order

If your child had difficulty understanding math concepts in Kindergarten, I suggest that you work with him/her during the summer, in addition to the AHA! MATH online summer program.

In First Grade we will be working on the following skills:

- Recognizing numbers through 100
- Memorizing addition and subtraction facts up to 20
- Counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s up to 100
- Counting 1 more, 1 less, 10 more and 10 less up to 100
- Recognizing penny, nickel, dime and quarter, and their value

I look forward to meeting you and your children in August.  
Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Miss Paredes