

FIRST GRADE

Trimester 1

TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT SCHOOL

You can ask...

- ☐ Can you tell me about something you **read** today?
- ☐ How could you use the **math** you learned today?
- ☐ How did you contribute to your classroom **community** today?
- ☐ How did someone help you learn today?



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS & LITERACY

In this Trimester, your child will:

- Be exposed to various texts, like books, poems, letters, news articles, and Internet pages.
- Speak and listen in formal and informal ways like presentations and conversations.
- Communicate experiences in writing for various readers.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY/ ENGINEERING

In this Trimester, your child will:

- Ask scientific questions about the natural world.
- Learn through various experiences and observations.

MATHEMATICS

In this Trimester, your child will:

- Use math to represent and solve real-world problems.
- Use math to make arguments about why something is true or false.
- Use tools, such as manipulatives and number lines, to show mathematical relationships.

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

In this Trimester, your child will:

- Learn about their local community and about the state, country, and world.
- Work to understand how different people see the world differently.





Grade 1, Trimester 1 Big Ideas and Concepts:

- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills to decode unknown words.
- Recognize and read irregularly spelled words (including high frequency words).
- Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds.
- Comprehend and write texts of various genres.

By the end of Trimester 1 students can:

- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words with short vowels and consonant blends.
- Read words and simple sentences smoothly.
- Identify a rhyme.
- Identify beginning sounds.
- Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- Make and confirm predictions.
- Identify story elements.
- Write personal narratives.
- Write words using the sounds they hear.

Questions you can ask your child:



- ★ What rhymes with __?
- ★ What do you think will happen?
- ★ What do you do when you don't know how to spell a word? Can you sound out/spell ___?

Topics you can discuss with your child's teacher:



- ★ Ways to practice phonics and phonemic awareness.
- ★ How you can support your child's spelling and writing development.

Grade 1, Trimester 1 Big Ideas and Concepts:

- Understand and solve simple number stories.
- Understand and apply properties of addition and subtraction within 10.
- Students organize, represent, and interpret data.
- Students will read, write, and count single and double digit numbers.
- Students will learn and apply counting strategies.
- Understand and apply counting strategies through the use of tools such as a number line and manipulatives.
- Understand and apply properties of addition and subtraction within 10.
- Understand and solve number stories using addition and subtraction and represent with a number model.
- Recognize and use number patterns to extend the counting sequence.
- Understand how to represent and interpret data using tally marks.
- Apply appropriate tools and strategies to solve a variety of math problems.

Questions you can ask your child:



- ★ What is a given number?
- ★ Given a group of objects, how many are there?
- ★ How do you show a __ with tallies?
- ★ Can you count to 100 by 10s?

By the end of Trimester 1 students can:

- Read, write, and count the numbers through 50.
- Solve number stories using addition and subtraction within 10.
- Solve addition and subtraction facts within 10.
- Represent a number using tally marks.
- Answer questions about a tally chart.
- Count by 5s up to 50.
- Count by 10s to 100.

Topics you can discuss with your child's teacher:



- ★ Skip counting strategies.
- ★ Types of number stories.
- ★ How math applies in everyday life.





Grade 1, Trimester 1 Big Ideas and Concepts:

- Students will learn about what a scientist is and what they do.
- Students will learn about seasons.
- Students will learn about the moon and sun.

By the end of Trimester 1 students can:

- Ask questions and make observations.
- Identify the 4 seasons
- Identify the patterns in seasons.
- Collect data on weather patterns.
- Identify the signs of the various seasons.
- Identify a problem and state possible solutions.

Questions you can ask your child:

- ★ What do scientists do?
- ★ What do you observe?
- ★ What season is it now?
How do you know it is summer/fall?
- ★ How do scientists solve problems?

Topics you can discuss with your child's teacher:

- ★ Ways you can help your child learn science.
- ★ How science relates to your child's life (i.e. seasons, observations).

Grade 1, Trimester 1 Big Ideas and Concepts:

- Students will understand what it means to be part of a group and the benefits of being part of a group.
- Students will recognize core values of a community.
- Students will have a basic understanding of the democratic process, including voting.
- Concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion will be integrated and addressed throughout the year including, but not limited to: cultural differences, different types of abilities and disabilities, family make-ups and traditions.

Questions you can ask your child:



- ★ When do you vote in your classroom and how does it work?
- ★ What are the core values of your school and why are they important?
- ★ How do you want to feel at school/home?

Topics you can discuss with your child's teacher:



- ★ How to incorporate elements RULER at home.
- ★ Books to look at about history and other social studies topics.

By the end of Trimester 1 students can:

- Participate as responsible members of the classroom community.
- Identify the core values of the school.
- Identify the communities that they are part of.
- Describe how they want to feel in their school community.
- Explain how voting helps people make decisions in a community.
- Work to understand how different people see the world and live differently.

