



Welcome to First Grade!!!

Dear Grayson Elementary Parents,

We are looking forward to a fantastic year with your child! First Grade is a year of learning and growing as independent learners and problem-solvers. It is a year that our children make remarkable strides in academic areas, especially reading, writing, and math. It is exciting to witness our children blossom into effective communicators, verbally, as well as in their writing. Although First Grade expectations can appear daunting at times, we are certain that you will agree that with partnerships of consistency and diligence at home and at school, our students will evolve into confident lifelong learners. Have a wonderful summer with your child! See you in August!

Your First Grade Teachers

Mrs. Boatfield

Mrs. Carraway

Ms. DeLoach

Ms. Harrison

Mrs. King

Mrs. Morris

WONDERFUL WAYS TO HELP YOUR RISING FIRST-GRADER

- Read daily with your child... read TO your child, as well as WITH your child... *Have your child read aloud TO you! Enjoy reading with expression and practice fluency!
- Practice correctly writing upper AND lower-case letters of the alphabet, as well as numbers. Encourage proper formation. Use a variety of paper (lined & unlined)
- Have your child write a sentence about something he did every day of the summer...keep a summer journal! ...don't forget pictures and sounding out new words!
- Have fun with math! Practice comparing two groups of objects (ice cubes, m&m's, buttons, etc.) Discuss which group is greater than, less than, or equal!
- Practice adding 2 groups of numbers together (3 ice cubes and 2 ice cubes...put together makes 5 in all!)...Then try subtracting!
- Visit your local public library!
- Explore educational websites with your child! Some great Internet resources are:

www.starfall.com www.pbskids.org www.kids.nationalgeographic.com
www.brainpop.com www.enchantedlearning.com www.betweenhelions.com
<http://mrsgebauer.com/mathsites.html> <http://www.ixl.com/>
<http://www.squidoo.com/primarygames>

...and of course, our very own www.graysonelementary.org