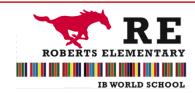
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## Parent Guide to 1st Grade



## What should my child know before entering 1st Grade?

	Therefore entering 1 Grader
LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH
Reading   Identify 25 high-frequency words (sight words)   Recognize that compound words are made up of shorter words   Sort objects or pictures into categories such as color, shape, size, and texture   Retell or act out important events in stories   Retell important facts in a text   Follow directions with pictures   Use the cover, title, illustrations, and plot in a book to make inferences   Make connections between the books they hear and their lives   Sequence events from a story   Writing   Dictate or write sentences to tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end   Write uppercase and lowercase letters   Capitalize the beginning of a sentence and use punctation at the end   Write first and last name	<ul> <li>Compose and decompose numbers to 10 with objects and pictures</li> <li>Model the action of joining to represent addition and the action of separating to represent subtraction</li> <li>Solve word problems using objects to find the sums up to 10 and the different up to 10</li> <li>Explain the strategies used to solve problems</li> <li>Draw conclusions from real objects and picture graphs</li> <li>Identify U.S. coins by name, including pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters</li> <li>Identifying ways to earn income</li> <li>List simple skills required for jobs</li> <li>Distinguish between wants and needs, and identify income as a source to meet one's wants and needs</li> </ul>
BEYOND ACADEMICS Social & Emotional Behavior	HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN AT HOME?
<ul> <li>Know age and birthday, parents' phone number(s)</li> <li>Fine motor skills (holding a pencil, cutting with scissors, gluing etc.)</li> <li>Follow 2- to 3-step directions (stand up and push in your chair)</li> <li>Regulates own behavior with occasional reminders or assistance from the teacher</li> <li>Remains focused on engaging group activities for up to 30 minutes at a time</li> <li>Able to express feelings in a complete sentence</li> <li>Assumes roles and responsibilities as part of classroom community</li> <li>Initiates problem-solving strategies and seeks adult help when necessary</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Create a high-frequency word flash card game to quiz your child daily</li> <li>Point out common compound words your child uses and ask them to identify the shorter words that create the compound words</li> <li>After reading or listening to a story, ask your child to find ways the characters or plot are similar to their life</li> <li>Use an interactive app on electronic devices to support learning at home (check houstonisd.org for digital resources)</li> </ul>