

**LANGUAGE ARTS
CONTENT
STANDARDS
FOR CHRISTIAN
UNIFED SCHOOLS OF
SAN DIEGO**

First Grade

Standards for Language Arts

Reading

1.0 Word Analysis, Fluency, and Systematic Vocabulary Development

By the end of first grade, your child will:

- 1.1 Match oral words to printed words.
- 1.2 Identify the title and author of a book.
- 1.3 Identify letters, words, and sentences
- 1.4 Distinguish beginning, middle, and final sounds in single-syllable words.
- 1.5 Distinguish long and short-vowel sounds in single-syllable words spoken orally.
- 1.6 Create and state a series of rhyming words, including consonant blends.
- 1.7 Add, delete, or change the target sounds to change words (e.g., change cow to how; pan to an).
- 1.8 Blend two to four sounds into recognizable words (e.g., /c/a/t/ = cat: /f/l/a/t/ = flat).
- 1.9 Segment single syllable words into their components (e.g., /c/a/t = cat).
- 1.10 Generate the sounds from all the letters and letter patterns (consonant blends, long and short-vowel patterns) and blend those sounds into recognizable words.
- 1.11 Read common, irregular sight words (e.g., the, have, said, come, give, of).
- 1.12 Use knowledge of vowel digraphs and r-controlled letter-sound associations to read words.
- 1.13 Read compound words and contractions.
- 1.14 Read words that have a suffix or prefix added to a root word (e.g., look, looked, looking).
- 1.15 Read common word families (e.g., -ite, -ate)
- 1.16 Read aloud with fluency in a manner that sounds like natural speech.
- 1.17 Classify grade-appropriate words (e.g., animals, foods, toys).
- 1.18 Identify homonyms, synonyms, and antonyms.

2.0 Reading Comprehension

By the end of first grade, your child will:

- 2.1 Identify text that uses sequence or other logical order.
- 2.2 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- 2.3 Follow one-step written instructions.
- 2.4 Use context to determine meanings of words/sentences with more than one meaning.
- 2.5 Confirm predictions about what will happen next in a story by identifying key words.
- 2.6 Relate prior knowledge to information found in text.
- 2.7 Identify the main idea of a simple expository or narrative passage.
- 2.8 Connect information and events in stories to life experiences.
- 2.9 Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of theme.

- 2.10 Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.
- 2.11 Know and use various text features to locate key facts or information in a text.

3.0 Literary Response and Analysis

By the end of first grade, your child will:

- 3.1 Identify and describe the elements of plot, setting, and character(s) in a story, as well as the story's beginning, middle, and ending.
- 3.2 Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.
- 3.3 Recollect, talk, and write about books read during the year.
- 3.4 Identify Biblical principles that can be gleaned from the text.
- 3.5 Assess text and begin to discern alignment with and support of Biblical principles.
- 3.6 Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses.
- 3.7 Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories.
- 3.8 Give evidence from the text to support an idea.
- 3.9 Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic.

Writing

1.0 Writing Strategies

By the end of first grade, your child will:

- 1.1 Select a focus when writing.
- 1.2 Use descriptive words when writing.
- 1.3 Print legibly and space letters, words, and sentences appropriately.
- 1.4 Use a graphic organizer to organize ideas for writing.

2.0 Writing Applications

By the end of first grade, your child will:

- 2.1 Write brief narratives (e.g., fictional story, autobiographical) then describe an experience.
- 2.2 Write brief descriptions of a real object, person, place, or event using sensory details.

Written and Oral English Language Conventions

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By the end of first grade, your child will:

- 1.1 Write and speak in complete and coherent sentences.
- 1.2 Identify and correctly use singular and plural nouns.

- 1.3 Identify and correctly use contractions (e.g., isn't, can't) and singular possessive pronouns (e.g., my/mine, his/her) in writing and speaking.
- 1.4 Distinguish between declarative and interrogative sentences.
- 1.5 Use a period, exclamation point, or question mark at the end of sentences.
- 1.6 Use knowledge of basic rules of punctuation and capitalization when writing.
- 1.7 Capitalize the first word of a sentence, names of people, days, months, and the pronoun *I*.
- 1.8 Spell three and four letter short-vowel words and grade level appropriate sight words correctly.

Listening and Speaking

1.0 Listening and Speaking Strategies

By the end of first grade your child will:

- 1.1 Listen attentively.
- 1.2 Ask questions for clarification and understanding.
- 1.3 Give, restate, and follow one, two, and three step directions.
- 1.4 Stay on the topic when speaking.
- 1.5 Use descriptive words when speaking about people, places, things, and events.

2.0 Speaking Applications

By the end of first grade your child will:

- 2.1 Retell stories using basic story grammar and relating the sequence of story events by answering *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, *why*, and *how* questions.
- 2.2 Relate an important life event or personal experience in a simple sequence.
- 2.3 Memorize and recite poetry and scripture.
- 2.4 Provide descriptions with careful attention to sensory detail.
- 2.5 Participate in collaborative discussions about grade level topics and texts in small and large groups.
- 2.6 Acquire and use accurately grade appropriate conversational, academic, and specific subject words and phrases.