



Foundational Skills Entering First Grade

We are thrilled to welcome your family to Archway Scottsdale! To best prepare your child for the transition to our school, we are sharing a list of foundational skills that your child should master by the time they enter First Grade. It is our hope that by sharing this list of skills, you can utilize your time over the summer to practice them to best prepare your child for success within our curriculum.

Students should be able to:

Reading

- Read 100 sight words.
Fry Sight Word List, 1-100. A complete list is available upon request.
- Read independently at Scholastic Level D.
A popular series in this level is Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli.
- Recognize and say the sounds for Spalding phonograms 1-70, when shown each phonogram in isolation.
Resources for phonogram practice are available upon request.

Math

- Count forward from 1-100, and backward from 10-1.
- With the use of pictures, subtract two numbers where the highest number starts with 10.
Example: $10 - 8 = 2$
- With the use of pictures, add two numbers where the sum is 10.
Example: $8 + 2 = 10$
- Count pictures, write number symbols, and say number words through 20.

Writing

- Copy 3 sentences from the board with correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Write 1 sentence independently on a given topic and be able to read and explain the sentence.
- Recognize, name, and write all 26 letters of the alphabet (upper case and lower case).
- Write their first and last name with proper spacing and capitalization.
- Write appropriately on lined paper of various sizes.
(e.g., fitting text within the space, writing letters on the baseline, adding spaces between words, or showing clear distinction between tall letters and short letters)

Basic Skills

- Hold pencil with *pincher* grip.
- Cut with scissors and use glue.
- Tie own shoes, button, and fasten their own clothing.
- Work for 20 minutes independently from seated position.
- Communicate basic needs to others.
(e.g., ask for help or clarification during learning activities, ask to use the restroom when needed, etc.)

Homework and Tests

- Complete 25 minutes of homework on average (one Spalding and one math assignment) as well as 20 minutes of leveled reading.
- Study for weekly phonogram and spelling tests.
- Practice math facts.