

A sample of what your child will be learning in 1st Grade Language Arts:

- Using phonics and word analysis skills to figure out unfamiliar words
- Describing characters, settings, and major events in a story using key details
- Getting facts and information from different writings
- Participating in shared research and writing projects
- Taking part in discussions about topics and texts being studied
- Describing people, places, and events with relevant details
- Identifying the correct meaning for a word with multiple meanings

Here are some activities you can do with your child to support Language Arts learning at home:

- Encourage your child to read books to you. Help him or her sound out and use other strategies to figure out difficult words.
- Act out stories together from books, television, or your child's imagination.
- Pick a "word of the day" each day starting with a different letter. Have your child write the word and look for other things beginning with the same letter.
- Visit the library with your child every week. Have your child sign up for a library card.

A sample of what your child will be learning in 1st Grade Math:

- Using understanding of place value to add and subtract
- Solving addition and subtraction word problems
- Adding with a sum of 20 or less and subtracting from a number 20 or less
- Understanding what the digits mean in a two-digit number (place value)
- Using and understanding place value to add and subtract
- Measuring lengths of objects by using a shorter object as a unit of length
- Making composite shapes by joining shapes together, and dividing circles and rectangles into halves and fourths

Here are some activities you can do with your child to support Math learning at home:

Look for "word problems" in real life. Some first grade examples might include:

- If you open a new carton of a dozen eggs, and you use four eggs to cook dinner, close the carton, and ask your child how many eggs are left.
- While putting away toys into bins, count the number of toys in two bins and ask your child how many are in one bin compared to the other.
- Play the "I'm thinking of a number" game. For example, "I'm thinking of a number that makes 11 when added to 8."

Forest Pines Drive Elementary School

School/Parent Compact

First Grade Focus



For Student Success

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Our Goals for Student Achievement

What does it mean to be a Title I school?

The emphasis in a Title I school is on serving all students. School-wide programs maximize the impact of Title I funding in that all students in the school are served as funds are used to improve the entire educational program.

What is a family-school compact?

A family-school compact is an agreement between parents, students, and teachers. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

School Goal

By June 2019, 70% of students will demonstrate proficiency as measured by EOGs, and students will meet or exceed growth as measured by EVAAS.

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

In The Classroom – As your child's teacher, I promise to...

- Use the latest research to teach students.
- Provide open communication through folders, conferences, phone calls, and notes.
- Establish collaboration with the resource teachers for student instruction and scheduling/pull-out.
- Provide materials that are interesting and motivating.
- Help parents understand instructional practices, class expectations, and grading policies.
- Plan meaningful lessons that meet individual student needs.
- Provide a safe school environment that promotes learning and encourages a partnership with the school.
- Employ effective classroom management skills.
- Promote a feeling of belonging for all.

At Home – As the child's parent/guardian, I promise to...

- Read nightly with my child.
- Help my child with his/her homework.
- Provide an appropriate area for doing homework.
- Engage in activities that encourage learning.
- Provide encouragement and positive reinforcement.
- Talk with my child about his/her school day.
- Attend school activities & parent-teacher conferences.
- Show respect with my words and actions for my child, other children and their families, the teachers, and the school.
- Communicate and work with the school to encourage my child's learning and positive behavior.
- Ask specific questions to stimulate my child's conversation/oral language skills.
- Encourage regular & prompt attendance.

Students: As a SLY student at Forest Pines Drive, I promise to...

- Complete my homework.
- Read nightly with my family.
- Participate in activities that help me learn.
- Participate in classroom activities.
- Ask questions when I need help.
- Help others.
- Be responsible with my books, folders, and school supplies.
- Be responsible for my actions and behavior each day.
- Be a good citizen by doing what is right because it is the right thing to do for myself and others.
- Always try my best.