



First Grade Curriculum 2018- 2019

Alone we can accomplish a little. Together we can accomplish
a lot!

OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR YOUR CHILD ARE VERY HIGH

- Students in first grade are working towards being independent, responsible learners, and citizens.
- Each child will be challenged at their individual level. We expect each student to give their best effort in all areas.
- The CCSS is a state mandated guide that tells us what content should be covered by each grade level. The CCSS can be found on:
www.corestandards.org.

Behavior System

- Clip Chart
 - Students begin their day on green.
 - The goal is to be on green or above each day.
- Behavior Sheet
 - Students will bring home their behavior sheets nightly. Please look over it with them. Initial it and have your child return it the next day.

Other Rewards

- Eagle Stickers
- Peep Awards
- Student of the Month

Wonders

Wonders is a comprehensive, research based, language arts program that supports children in grades K-6 to build a strong foundation in literacy.

Wonders Focuses On

- **Sight words**
- **Phonics**
- **Vocabulary**
- **Comprehension strategies**
- **Fluency**
- **Writing**
- **Guided Reading**
- **Language**

Learning Opportunities

- Balance of large and small group activities
- Opportunities to work independently
- Balance of sitting and moving 😊

Guided Reading

- Students will meet in small groups with a teacher each day.
- Lessons will be designed for the needs of the group.



Why did we adopt the Wonders program?

This was a district adoption. If you look at Fayette Co as a whole district, we are a transit school district. It is the superintendent's mission to make sure that all schools are teaching the same standards and following the same pacing guides to decrease the gaps for students moving in and out of schools often. In addition, this program allows for each child to have vocabulary rich grade level passages that are tied around essential questions in their hands daily.

How will you ensure my child is being pushed instructionally?

Within Wonders, your child will be placed within 4 different groups depending on their progress. If we noticed through their assessments and classroom work that they need higher or lower level texts, we have other resources within the building to use if they can't get what they need within the program. We work with our MTSS and Gifted and Talented teacher monthly to analyze student's progress and plan our next steps to ensure each child is being pushed. This doesn't mean they get to "opt out" and not participate in the tier 1 instruction, but they will be pushed within their small group and the individual assignments they are given.

MATH

- We have a new math program that the district has provided. It is called Investigations.
- There will be a combination of flexible small groups and whole group instruction.
- Many types of manipulatives, technology, and games will be used during each math session.



ASSESSMENT OF STANDARDS

- We will assess daily and weekly on the standards that have been taught to ensure that each student is progressing towards mastery. This is the case in both literacy and math.

HOMEWORK

- READING

- Your child's literacy homework assignment each week is to complete their nightly reading.
- Students should read to someone or be read to each night for at least 20 minutes.
- Independent reading should also occur as ability permits.
- Read to your child too....no matter what their ability!
- Please initial your child's monthly reading/behavior chart each day to show that your child has read for twenty minutes (or been read to) and that you have checked where they ended their day on the behavior chart.

CONFERENCES

- There will be two official conferences this year. One will take place in the fall and the second in the spring. The second conference will be student led.
- We will review your child's assessments and progress. We will also be giving the report cards to you at this time.

We are certain that your child
will have a great year! If we can
ever help in anyway please do not
hesitate to contact us.

1st Grade Team

