

# YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION: FIRST GRADE

*By the end of first grade, your child should be able to do the following tasks in each area.*

## Listening

- Remember what they hear.
- Follow two- to three-step directions in a row.

## Speaking

- Speak clearly so that anyone can understand them.
- Answer harder yes/no questions.
- Tell and retell stories that make sense.
- Share their ideas using complete sentences.
- Use most parts of speech, or grammar, correctly.
- Ask and answer who, what, when, where, and why questions.
- Stay on topic and take turns in conversation.
- Give directions.
- Start conversations.

## Reading

- Say words that rhyme.
- Name all sounds in short words.
- Put sounds together to make words.
- Match spoken words with written words.
- Point to letters, words, and sentences.
- Sound out words when reading.
- Read 100 common words by sight.
- Read grade-level books.
- Understand what they read.

## Writing

- Write about their ideas.
- Print clearly.
- Spell words that they use a lot.
- Begin each sentence with capital letters. End sentences with periods or question marks.
- Write stories, journal entries, or notes.



*Contact your child's school or a certified speech-language pathologist if you have concerns.*