

Helpful Hints for First Grade:

Your extra help at home truly makes a difference in the classroom! **Thank you** in advance for taking the time to assist your child outside the classroom.

* Remember to review your child's assignment book each night. Daily assignments and notes will be written here and we ask that you sign or initial when daily homework tasks are completed.

*Behavior is also noted in the assignment book. If your child moves past strike one on our behavior system a note will be written to you in the assignment book. Please take time to speak with your child about any issues that may be noted. A sticker/stamp means the student only had a warning or did not move his/her baseball at all!

A few skills that can always be practiced:

- Penmanship: work on correct letter size and formation as well as gripping the pencil
- Tying shoes independently
- Learning personal information (full name, address, phone number, birthday etc.).
- Number Sense: Counting to 120, skip counting by 5s and 10s, addition and subtraction within 20
- READ! Reading in any way is beneficial: Students read to adults or other students and students listen to others read to them

Helpful Hints for Completing School work at Home:

- Homework in first grade is NEVER a new skill for your child to learn at home. Homework is always a practice piece of a skill we learned in the classroom. Assisting your child on homework is welcomed.
- Designate a quiet and comfortable place for completing homework.
- Keep frequently needed supplies in the home: pencils, papers, crayons, scissors, and erasers. (If you need supplies please ask Mrs. Beer!)
- Make homework a priority in your home. Completing and returning homework helps build a sense of responsibility and prepares the students for the upcoming years.
- If your child says he/she doesn't have any homework, then be sure to provide your own homework during the usual homework time. He/She can read, write, practice math facts, study vocabulary words, or utilize an interactive educational site.

- Read every night! The student can read to another person or read alone. Parents, guardians, grandparents, or siblings can read to the student. When reading with your son or daughter STOP frequently to ask questions about what has been read. This is a great way to check comprehension. *Lots of students can read the words, but we are more concerned with whether or not they do understand what they read!*
- Reading is the base of all the subjects. Scholastic offers great books at reduced prices. It's a great way to build your home library and help our classroom earn free books.
- Most importantly, communicate with Mrs. Beer if you have questions or concerns. We are all in this together...I am here to help you succeed!