



# Welcome to First Grade!



It is always so exciting starting a new school year here at Gullett Elementary. Our First Grade team is excited to begin the 2020-2021 school year and see first graders learn new concepts. We believe every child has the potential to learn and be successful. Working together we will make this next school year a wonderful experience for your child. Here are some fun activities for over the Summer.

## 2020-2021 Supply List for First Grade

### Personal Supplies: Please label these items with your child's name with a permanent marker

- ✓ Backpack (for safety reasons, no wheels)
- ✓ One pair of **durable** headphones (No Ear Buds Please - Will be used daily)
- ✓ 1 Scissors, blunt tip
- ✓ 1 pencil box
- ✓ 2 packs dry erase markers, thick type, 4 count **Black Only**
- ✓ 2 Packs of plain #2 pencils (decorative pencils jam the pencil sharpeners)
- ✓ 4 jumbo glue sticks
- ✓ 4 pink wedge erasers
- ✓ 1 plain-colored wide-ruled spiral notebook
- ✓ 1 black and white composition notebook, wide-ruled
- ✓ 4 boxes of Crayola crayons 24 count (1 per quarter)
- ✓ 1 pack of thick primary Crayola washable markers

### Community Supplies:

#### Please do not label these items

- ✓ 2 reams of white computer paper
- ✓ 1 container of Lysol wipes
- ✓ 1 box Ziploc gallon bags
- ✓ 1 large box of tissues
- ✓ 1 pump bottle of hand sanitizer

### First Grade Readiness Activities: Math

Play board games as a family. ★ Talk about the calendar with your child. ★ Help your child learn to count money by playing store with them. ★ Use an empty egg carton as a counting tool to practice addition and subtraction skills up to 20. ★ Be on the lookout for shapes. Discuss the shapes you see. Build with shapes! ★ Help your child develop time skills by incorporating the clock into their schedule. ★ Involve your child in activities at home that use measurement. ★ Bake with your child. Have them read recipes and measure ingredients. ★ Develop an understanding of fractions when eating or making a pizza by discussing how many slices there are, and what fraction of the pizza they are eating.

### First Grade Readiness Activities: English Language Arts

➔ Explore Books! Give your child an opportunity to explore books. Visiting a library or bookstore gives your child a chance to find topics and books that interest them.  
➔ Read, Read, Read! Make sure to read for at least 30 minutes per day! Children can read independently, aloud to an adult, or back and forth with a partner. ➔ Ask Questions! •Predictions •Characters •Main Idea •Problem •Solution •Retell Story •Genre •Moral Make it Fun! ➔ Intentionally read with your child/discuss books but also research topics and do book activities together. ➔ Be an Example! Children learn by example, so let your child see you read whether it be a book, newspaper, cookbook, etc. ➔ Work on fine motor skills with playdough, cutting and puzzles. ➔ Download an app! There are some amazing sight word and handwriting apps that can really put your child on the road to success. ➔ Write about all the fun summer activities in a summer journal.

We will work to expand upon all of the areas and more next year. Have a great summer. We can't wait to meet you all!

First Grade Team