**First Grade Expectations**

**In reading**

Your child will become a more independent reader and writer, better able to recognize and sound out words including some more complex words.  Students should be able to:

* Sound out unfamiliar words.
* Participate in conversations about what is being studied and be able to ask questions to clear up any confusion.
* Describe characters, settings and major events in a story including key details.
* Get facts and information from texts.
* Ask and answer questions about story texts.

**In writing**

Your child’s writing skills will also improve, including better spelling and using more complete sentences.  Students should also be able to:

* Write opinion pieces where they introduce the topic, state an opinion, supply a reason for their opinion, and give some closing.
* Create informational pieces with a topic, information, and a closing.
* Write narratives with a sequence of events, some details, and a closure.

**Grammar**

Students should also be able to:

* Identify nouns, verbs and adjectives in sentences.

**In math**

Your child should be able to:

* Add, subtract, and solve problems involving addition and subtraction within 20.
* Count to 120.
* Tell time in hours and half hours using analog and digital clocks.
* Understand that a two-digit number represents the amount of tens and ones.
* Add and subtract 2-digit numbers without regrouping.
* Use non-standard units of measure (paper clips, cubes, etc.) to measure the length of objects.
* Reason about shapes and their attributes.
* Participate in numeracy tasks.

**In science**

Your child should know:

* Sound can make objects vibrate, and vibrating objects can make sound.
* Objects can be seen only if light is available.
* Adult plants and animals can have young. In many kinds of animals, parents do things to help their children survive.
* Objects in the sky (sun, moon, and stars) move in patterns that can be observed, described, and predicted.

**In social studies**

This year students will use the context of “School and Families” to learn social studies concepts like what is a family, roles and responsibilities of different people in a group, and why people work.