

Getting Ready for First Grade!



Tuckahoe Elementary
2016-2017 School Year



Kindergarten

versus



First Grade

- Student/teacher ratio
- No bathroom in classroom
- Increased independent work

How to Get Your Child Ready

- Continue to do nightly reading
- Practice math facts
- Increase your expectations for following directions and being independent
- Give them additional responsibilities



The First Month of School

Most of our time will be spent:

- Getting to Know Each Other
- Establishing Routines
- Assessing Achievement Levels: Formally (DRA) and Informally
- Gaining Independence
- Developing Productive Work Habits



What to Expect at Home the First Month of School

It is not unusual for your child to be:



- Tired, irritable, hungry
- In need of quiet time
- In need of individual attention and support
- Eager to tell you about their day
- Not eager to tell you about their day!

Ways to Help Your First Grader Adjust

Try to provide:

- One-on-one time
- Acknowledgement of effort
- Healthy after school snack
- “Down time”
- Plenty of sleep (consistent bedtime)



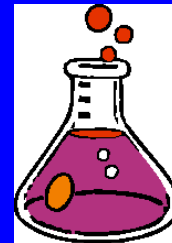
Units of Study: Language Arts

- Guided Reading (Harcourt Storytown)
- Leveled Readers
- Trade Books
- Word Study (Spelling)
- Lucy Calkin's Primary Writing
- Handwriting Without Tears



Units of Study: Science

- What Does a Scientist Do?
- Matter
- Balance and Motion
- Sun and Earth
- Harvest
- Seasonal Changes
- Resources/Recycling
- Plants and Animals



Discovery Schoolyard

- First Grade's Outdoor Classroom is Peter Rabbit's Garden. Children enjoy planting, harvesting, cooking, and eating various crops. This wonderful unit affords us an opportunity to integrate math, language arts, and social studies with science and gives them kinesthetic learning opportunities.



Units of Study: Math



- Number and Number Sense
- Patterns
- Computation Strategies
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Fractions
- Money and Coins
- Time
- Probability and Statistics



Units of Study: Social Studies

Civics

- Citizenship
- Rules
- Famous Americans



History

- Past and Present
- Holidays and Traditions



Geography

- Maps



Economics

