

Dear Parents,

We have created a packet with comprehension questions, fluency activities, sight words, and first grade phonograms to give you a better understanding of what the students are learning and how you can help. We hope you find this useful throughout the year. Here is a brief explanation of each sheet in the packet. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Red Flag Words: These are posted in each classroom. By the end of the year, your child should be able to read and spell each of these words.

Fluency Activities: Fluency is being able to read smoothly with expression while reading the words correctly. By the end of first grade, your child should be able to correctly read at least 60 words per minute. These activities will help improve your child's fluency.

Comprehension Questions: Periodically, ask these questions while your child is reading. Also, remind your child to periodically stop and check for understanding (Who? Did What? Where? When?).

First Grade Phonograms: Phonograms are the spelling patterns your child will be introduced to throughout the year. Your child should be able to recognize these patterns while reading. Decoding is important for all reading levels, especially as texts become more difficult.

Reading Strategies: These strategies will help your child become a stronger reader. Remind them of the strategies when they encounter an unfamiliar word.

Again, all of these concepts are being taught in class throughout the year. Please refer to this packet as another tool to help your child become a more successful reader.

Thank you,
The First Grade Team