

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Listed below are the kindergarten first quarter benchmarks. These are skills your child will be learning in the first grading period of kindergarten. Please work with your child at home on these skills to help in his/her academic achievement. Thank you!

# First Quarter Benchmarks

## Phonemic Awareness

- Segment spoken sentences into words
- Identify letter sounds
- Recognize and produce rhyming words
- Recognize alliteration (focus on beginning sounds in words)
- Manipulate syllables in words
- Blend onset/rimes

## Fluency

- Recognize upper and lower case letters in random order
- Recognize sight words introduced in class

## Writing

- Write first name correctly (only use a capital letter for first letter)
- Intend print to have meaning
- Use pictures to communicate a message
- Use left to right directionality
- Label pictures
- Spell some sight words correctly



## Oral Language

- Retell a story using correct sequence and details
- Answer comprehension questions
- Communicate ideas in complete sentences
- Use appropriate vocabulary

## Math

- Describe, sort, and resort objects by color, shape, size, kind, or position
- Identify an object or objects that do not belong
- Describe spatial relationships (ex – in/out, above/below, over/under, etc.)
- Name 2-dimensional shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle, hexagon, trapezoid)
- Describe similarities and differences of 2-dimensional shapes
- Identify attributes (sides, vertices) of 2-dimensional shapes
- Match 2-dimensional shapes to real world objects
- Count by ones to five
- Write numbers to 5
- Label sets up to 5
- Identifies more/less/same up to 5
- Label sets of objects up to 5
- Identify numbers before, after, and between up to 5