

Off to First Grade!









We're so glad you've chosen the Washington Academy Gifted Program for your child. This decision indicates that you are concerned with and involved in your child's education. To help prepare your child for the year, we've created a general list of things a typical child has mastered before entering First Grade.





We know that children have had different preschool and Kindergarten experiences. Your child, like many gifted children, may have mastered the skills below and be well beyond them now. Your child may be struggling with some of the skills. That does not necessarily mean that your child does not belong in the Gifted Program. We are providing this list for your information. You may want to practice some of these skills at home. Of course, we are prepared to help students master these skills and many more during the school year.

Washington Academy First Grade Teachers

Literacy








-  Communicate needs and wants descriptively.
-  Read and write all uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
-  Match letters with sounds.
-  Identify initial consonant sounds for spoken words.
-  Print first and last name.
-  Attempt to express ideas through writing and drawing.

Personal Skills

-  State first and last name.
-  State address.
-  State phone number.
-  Put on coat, zip, button, tie shoes.









Math

-  Count to 100.
-  Count objects to 10.
-  Read and write numerals 0-9.
-  Identify coins: penny, nickel, dime, quarter.
-  Copy square, triangle, circle, diamond.
-  Put together a puzzle (20-50 pieces).
-  Recognize patterns.



Work habits

-  Follow 3 step directions.
-  Attend to a book for 15 minutes.
-  Work on a project or activity for 30 minutes.
-  Interested in knowing *more* about the world.
-  Solve everyday problems independently.
-  Work and play cooperatively with another child or small group.