First Grade 1st Nine Weeks

The parent guide below is designed to keep you informed of exactly which standards are being taught during each 9 weeks grading period. You will receive a similar guide each 9 weeks containing the standards that will be explicitly taught during that grading period. This guide outlines the standards and skills for the first 9 weeks grading period. In the left hand column you will see the exact language from the report card and the Alabama College and Career Readiness Standard (CCRS) on which it is based. The Skills column on the right-hand side addresses what is being assessed. During the 1st 9 weeks, first grade students will review basic reading concepts and establish routines for reading and writing. Students will explore fiction and nonfiction texts to learn how texts are structured and how various structures and features help us understand what we are reading and hearing. Students will write stories and informative texts using a combination of oral storytelling, drawing and writing.

Standard	Skills
Report Card Asks and answers questions about texts CCRS Standard [RL.1.1] & [RI.1.1] Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. Make predictions from text clues. (Alabama)	Students are able to:
Retells stories, including details, themes, main topics/Character descriptions and event connections CCRS Standard [RL.1.2] Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson. [RI.1.2] Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text. [RL.1.3] Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.	Students are able to: • retell stories • remember, talk about and retell key details • understand central message or lesson • identify the main topic • describe characters • describe settings • identify major events in the story
Report Card Identifies words and phrases/Asks and answers questions to determine meaning CCRS Standard [L.1.4] Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 1 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies. a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Students are able to: • determine or clarify meaning of unknown words or phrases by drawing upon sentence-level context clues
Report Card Explains differences between text types/Uses text features CCRS Standard [RL.1.5] Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.	Students are able to:
Report Card Identifies who is telling a story/ Distinguishes information from visuals and words CCRS Standard [RI.1.6] Distinguish between information provided by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by the words in a text.	Students are able to: • gather information from pictures or illustrations • gather information from words in a text
Report Card Uses illustrations to build meaning CCRS Standard [RL.1.7] Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.	Students are able to: describe the portion of a text depicted by an illustration identify details that describe characters, setting, or events support thinking with examples from the text
Report Card Identifies the reasons an author gives in informational texts This standard is not taught in 1 st grade during the first 9 weeks.	This standard is not taught in 1 st grade during the first 9 weeks.

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Compares and contrasts texts This standard is not taught in 1 st grade during the first 9 weeks.	This standard is not taught in 1st grade during the first 9 weeks.	
Report Card Understands concepts about print CCRS Standard [RF.1.1] Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print. a. Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., first word, capitalization, ending punctuation).	Students are able to: • recognize the beginning and end of a sentence • identify the first word of a sentence • identify a capital letter • identify end of sentence punctuation	
Report Card Demonstrates understanding of spoken words syllables and sounds CCRS Standard 21. [RF.1.2] Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes). a. Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words. b. Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends. c. Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words. d. Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).	Students are able to: distinguish long- and short-vowel sounds in spoken words hear and say syllables in a word blend phonemes (consonants and vowels) together to make a word hear and say each sound in a word	
Report Card Knows and applies grade level phonics CCRS Standard RF.1.3] Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. a. Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs (two letters that represent one sound). b. Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words. c. Know final -e and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds. d. Use knowledge that every syllable must have a vowel sound to determine the number of syllables in a printed word. e. Decode two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking the words into syllables. f. Read words with inflectional endings. g. Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.	Students are able to: decode regularly spelled one-syllable words- short vowel a, short vowel I, contractions, ck ending, short vowel o, a as in "all", contractions n't decode two-syllable words by following basic patterns and breaking the words into syllables read words with inflectional endings- inflection-s, inflections- ed, ing, read first grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words	
Report Card Expected Grade Level Reading Benchmark CCRS Standard [RF.1.4] Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. a. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding. b. Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.	At the end of the first 9 weeks grading period students are expected to meet the following minimum scores: a Level E text, with 96% of the words read correctly, a level 3 on the NAEP fluency scale, 15 WPM, and 75% in retelling and understanding the text. The current reading level that is recorded is the level at which a student was able to meet the above minimums (not including WPM).	
Report Card Uses the writing process to focus on a topic and adds details CCRS Standard [W.1.3] Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. [W.1.2] Write informative or explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.	Students are able to write a narratives and are able to: • use temporal words • tell two or more events in order that they occur • include a satisfying ending • provide descriptive details that make a story interesting • explainone's thoughts and feelings about the events Students are able to:	

identify qualities of informative / explanatory text

select interesting information about the topic write short informative/explanatory pieces

select a topic for original writing

provide a sense of closure

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Report Card Uses appropriate grammar CCRS Standard [L.1.1] Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. a. Print all uppercase and lowercase letters. [SL.1.6] Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.	Students are able to: apply grammar and usage in writing and speaking to convey a message that is easily understood by the intended audience. print all upper- and lowercase letters verbally produce complete sentences adapt their speech appropriately to task and situation identify tasks which require the use of speaking in complete sentences identify situations which require the use of speaking in complete sentence
Report Card Uses appropriate capitalization and punctuation CCRS Standard [L.1.2] Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. b. Use end punctuation for sentences.	Students are able to: • use end punctuation for sentences
Report Card Uses appropriate spelling when writing CCRS Standard [L.1.2] Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. b. Use end punctuation for sentences.	 Students are able to: spell words with common spelling patterns: short vowel a (ap, at, ag, and), short vowel I (ick, ink, ill, it), short vowel o, a as in all, contractions n't, inflections s, ed,ing spell frequently occurring irregular words- high frequency words-but, am were, when, can, use, where, how, will, then, so, her, who, into, give, not, all, here, your, said an, good, if, went, them, some, would, him, has, little spell unknown words phonetically
Report Card Handwriting CCRS Standard [L1.1a] Print all uppercase and lowercase letters.	Students are able to • correctly form all upper- and lowercase letters
Report Card Engages in group discussions CCRS Standard [SL.1.1] Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about <i>Grade 1 topics and texts</i> with peers and adults in small and larger groups. a. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion). b. Build on other's talk in conversations by responding to the comments of others through multiple exchanges. c. Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion.	Students are able to: listen attentively to conversations about first grade topics and texts add to conversations about first grade topics and texts take turns speaking respond to the comments of others extend conversations converse with peers and adults converse in small and large groups ask clarifying questions
Report Card Expresses thoughts and information clearly CCRS Standard [SL.1.6] Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation. [SL.1.5] Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.	Students are able to: • verbally produce complete sentences • adapt their speech appropriately to task and situation • identify tasks which require the use of speaking in complete sentences • identify situations which require the use of speaking in complete sentences • create a drawing or display that provides clarification about a description