

# "Top Ten" List of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Skills

## Academic Expectations

1. Neat and legible handwriting - knows upper and lowercase letters.
2. Ability to write appropriately on lined or handwriting paper.
3. Can write their first and last names (NOT in all capitals) on all papers.
4. Work independently for 10 - 15 minutes.
5. Knows 75 Fry sight words automatically.
6. Can read at a DRA Level 6 (year end Kindergarten is level 4).
7. Can copy words and short sentences off the board. Beginning to use a capital and end punctuation.
8. Listens and attends in class, can follow verbal directions.

## Behavioral Expectations

9. "Ready to Learn" behavior - sitting properly, hands NOT in desk playing with items, no excess noises or blurting.
10. Personal Responsibility - returns backpack, homework, folders.
11. Ability to open most of their snacks and **tie their shoelaces**.
12. Can zip and button their own coats, get their snow boots on and off without help.
13. Understands Physical Space - hands to sides, not on others! Knows how to walk in a single file line quietly.