



STRONG FOUNDATIONS EARLY LEARNING

Building Strong Readers From the Start



SCAN FOR YOUR
FREE 1ST GRADE
RESOURCE!

- ✓ 1st Grade Literacy Checklist
- ✓ Parent Literacy Tips
- ✓ Reading Development Guidance
- ✓ Free 30-Minute Reading Readiness Consultation



1ST GRADE LITERACY SUCCESS CHECKLIST

Is your child developing the reading and writing skills needed for long-term success?

Child's Name: _____

Date: _____



1. WORD RECOGNITION & PHONICS

- ☐ Reads most short-vowel words
- ☐ Reads common sight words automatically
- ☐ Uses phonics strategies when reading unfamiliar words
- ☐ Recognizes word families (-at, -it, -op)
- ☐ Reads grade-level words accurately
- ☐ Self-corrects reading mistakes



2. READING FLUENCY

- ☐ Reads smoothly with few pauses
- ☐ Reads grade-level text independently
- ☐ Uses appropriate expression when reading
- ☐ Reads aloud confidently
- ☐ Recognizes punctuation while reading
- ☐ Understands what is being read



3. READING COMPREHENSION

- ☐ Retells a story in order
- ☐ Identifies characters and setting
- ☐ Answers questions about a text
- ☐ Makes predictions
- ☐ Identifies the main idea
- ☐ Connects stories to personal experiences



4. VOCABULARY & LANGUAGE

- ☐ Learns and uses new vocabulary
- ☐ Explains word meanings
- ☐ Uses complete sentences
- ☐ Participates in conversations
- ☐ Explains ideas clearly
- ☐ Asks questions when confused



5. WRITING DEVELOPMENT

- ☐ Writes complete sentences
- ☐ Uses capitalization correctly
- ☐ Uses ending punctuation
- ☐ Spells many high-frequency words correctly
- ☐ Writes multiple connected sentences
- ☐ Expands ideas with details



6. MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS (ELL)

- ☐ Understands classroom discussions
- ☐ Participates in conversations confidently
- ☐ Uses new English vocabulary
- ☐ Enjoys reading in any language
- ☐ Shares ideas clearly
- ☐ Continues developing skills in both languages

QUICK RESULTS GUIDE



**30-36
CHECKS**

Excellent progress toward strong literacy success.



**20-29
CHECKS**

Developing well with some skills to strengthen.



**0-19
CHECKS**

Targeted support may help build confidence and academic success.

LET'S BUILD A STRONG
FOUNDATION TOGETHER!



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5 EASY WAYS TO HELP YOUR 1ST GRADER BECOME A STRONGER READER!



READ EVERY DAY

Set aside 15-20 minutes daily for your child to read aloud.



TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY READ

Ask:

- What happened first?
- What was the problem?
- How was it solved?



PRACTICE HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

Build automatic recognition of common words.



ENCOURAGE EVERYDAY WRITING

Journals, notes, lists, letters, and stories all strengthen writing skills.



CELEBRATE EFFORT & GROWTH

Focus on progress and persistence rather than perfection.



Every child learns and grows at their own pace. Your support, encouragement, and daily practice make a difference.



Strong foundations today.
Lifelong success tomorrow.

I'm here to help!

