



FIRST GRADE

Your child is already making strides towards high school graduation!

This guide will help you see what benchmarks your student is striving for to reach graduation.



WHAT IS MY CHILD LEARNING?

State standards describe what Oregon students should know and be able to do by the end of the year.



LEARNING TO READ AND WRITE

Characteristics of first grade readers:

- Recognizes the features of a sentence (Ex. first words, capitalization)
- Recognizes the spelling and sounds of two letters that represent one sound
- Reads one-syllable words
- Reads grade-level words with irregular spelling
- Uses strategies to read multisyllabic words
- Talks about and answers questions about a text



MATH FOUNDATIONS

Characteristics of first grade mathematics:

- Represents and solves addition and subtraction problems using various strategies
- Adds and subtracts within 20
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract
- Measures lengths directly and indirectly
- Tells and write time in hours and half-hours
- Represents and interprets data to solve problems
- Reasons with shapes and their attributes



WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GRADUATE?

It is not too early to start thinking about high school graduation right now! It is important to set goals and to stay on track!

Now is the time that students establish foundational skills and knowledge that they will continue to build upon year after year.

HOW IS MY CHILD DOING?

Staying engaged in your child's education is critical.

For many students, having their families be active members in their education can help keep them on track to graduate.

These are a few ways parents or guardians can stay involved knowing how their child is doing in their classes and help support their child receive the support needed to succeed



PROGRESS REPORTS

Parents of elementary students receive 4 progress reports (report cards) each year. McMinnville elementary schools use a proficiency grading system which means grades reflect the student's progress towards mastering a standard in a subject or in an area of mindsets and behaviors related to learning.

Grades are reported on a scale of one to four. A score of 3 means the student meets grade level standards, or is proficient in that particular area.



TALK WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

A conversation with the teacher is a great way to find out about student progress. Email or the ParentSquare app is the fastest way to get in touch with teachers. Teachers are also available for phone conversations after school.

Open House and Conferences – Please take advantage of these times throughout the year to meet with your child's teacher and have your child share with you what they are working on.



ONGOING ASSESSMENTS

Your child's teacher is continually evaluating your child's progress towards standards. In each grade level, this can be written work as well as reading aloud and students answering questions verbally.

HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

As a parent or guardian, you are the most influential person in your child's future success.

There are many things you can do to help set your child up for success in school



TIPS TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR GRADUATION

- Demonstrate a positive attitude about school. Your child will model your attitude.
- Know about the academic concepts your child is learning.
- Have a comfortable place set up for schoolwork and minimize distractions
- Make sure you have the supplies you need. Contact your school for support if needed.
- Read nonfiction books with your child, and talk about what's happening in the books.
- Encourage and practice writing at home.
- Talk with your child about different careers people have, and what skills are needed.
- Ask your child to solve simple math problems of everyday life.
- Help your child have regular attendance and actively participate in class.
- Check your ParentSquare app regularly and have open communication with your child's school.