



Lower School Grade-Level Expected Skills

2026-2027

Readiness Skills

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Kindergarten	Writes first name	Actively learning to read
	Can sing or name the letters of the alphabet	Masters correct pencil grip
First Grade	Demonstrates beginner scissor skills, including correct thumbs-up hold	Writes first and last name
	Attends in 20 minute intervals	Transcribes from the board to blanks on a page
Second Grade	Shows a submissive and respectful attitude	Can dictate a complete sentence
	Follows simple oral instructions	Recognizes all letters and letter sounds
Third Grade	Can open and close their backpack on their own	Differentiates between upper and lower cases of the alphabet
	Can ask and answer questions about stories read aloud	Recognizes numbers 0-20
		Demonstrates understanding of expected classroom behavior and routines
		Gives an oral presentation audibly and respectfully
	Writes full name	Shows development in organizational skills
	Correctly forms letters into words	Demonstrates understanding of expected classroom behavior and routines
	Transcribes from the board to a blank on a page	Shows development in active listening skills
	Reads grade-level texts with accuracy	Gives an oral presentation audibly and respectfully
	Demonstrates competent scissor & glue skills	Recognizes numbers 0-100
	Shows a submissive and respectful attitude	Follows oral and written directions
	Attends in 25 minute intervals	Shows self-control in class discussions
	Can write a complete and clear sentence	Can write 1-2 complete and clear sentences
	Follows simple directions	
	Writes full name and date	Demonstrates understanding of expected classroom behavior and routines
	Can write a complete and clear sentence	Manages multiple resources during class time
	Correctly forms letters into words with correct letter case	Shows development in active listening skills
	Reads grade-level texts with accuracy and fluency	Gives an oral presentation audibly and respectfully
	Transcribes board to multiple blanks on a page	Shows development in organizational skills
	Demonstrates competent scissor & glue skills	Writes 2-3 complete and clear sentences to compose and complete thought
	Follows oral and written directions	Collaborates with peers toward a common goal
	Attends in 25 minute intervals	
	Shows a submissive and respectful attitude	
	Shows self-control in class discussions	
	Writes multiple complete and clear sentences	Masters expected classroom behavior and routines
	Reads grade-level texts with accuracy and fluency	Can research for, prepare for, and give multiple presentations audibly and respectfully
	Transcribes phrases from the board with ease	Writes multiple complete and clear sentences to compose a complete thought
	Manages multiple classroom resources	Displays organizational skills
	Follows multi-step oral and written directions	Recognizes numbers 0-1,000
	Attends in 30 minute intervals	Identifies geographic features on a map
	Actively listens during instructions	Use timelines to understand historical events
	Participates in discussions by listening and speaking clearly	Collaborates with peers toward a common goal
	Shows a submissive and respectful attitude	
	Demonstrates mastery of scissor and glue skills	



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Fourth Grade	Demonstrates mastery of expected classroom behavior and routines Writes a clear and complete sentence Reads grade-level texts with accuracy and fluently Transcribes phrases from the board with ease Manages multiple classroom resources Follows multi-step oral and written directions Attends in 30 minute intervals Actively listens during instruction Participates in discussions by listening and speaking clearly Collaborates with peers toward a common goal Shows a submissive and respectful attitude	Can research for, prepare for, and give a presentation audibly and respectfully, with appropriate pacing and volume Arranges & composes a complete and clear paragraph Understands numbers 0-1,000,000 Understands concepts of measurement in metric and standard units Identifies geographic features on a map Use timelines to understand historical events Uses charts and graphs to interpret data Demonstrates an understanding of Google Classroom and its proper use Shows development in independent organizational skills Demonstrates developing study and test-taking skills	
Fifth Grade	Demonstrates mastery of expected classroom behavior and routines Writes multiple clear and complete sentences to compose a complete thought Reads grade-level texts with accuracy and fluently Transcribes phrases from the board with ease Manages multiple classroom resources Follows multi-step oral and written directions Attends in 40 minute intervals Actively listens during instruction Participates in discussions by listening and speaking clearly Collaborates with peers toward a common goal Shows a submissive and respectful attitude	Arranges & composes multi-paragraph responses Can research for, prepare for, and give a presentation audibly and respectfully, with appropriate pacing and volume Understands fraction and decimal concepts Identifies geographic features on a map Use timelines to understand historical events Uses charts and graphs to interpret data Demonstrates an understanding of Google Classroom and its proper use Shows development in independent organizational skills Demonstrates developing study and test-taking skills	
Sixth Grade	Demonstrates mastery of expected classroom behavior and routines Writes a clear and complete paragraph to compose a complete thought Reads grade-level texts with accuracy and fluently Transcribes phrases from the board with ease Manages multiple classroom resources Follows multi-step oral and written directions Attends in 40 minute intervals Actively listens during instruction Participates in discussions by listening and speaking clearly Collaborates with peers toward a common educational goal Shows a submissive and respectful attitude	Shows ability to be a self-starter and manage time independently Demonstrates study and test-taking skills Displays independent organizational skills Demonstrates an understanding of Google Classroom and its proper use Can research for, prepare for, and give multiple presentations audibly and respectfully, with appropriate pacing and volume Arranges & composes multi-paragraph responses Shows development in independent organizational skills	