

First graders should be able to...

Listen	Speak
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember information • Follow instructions • Follow 2 to 3 step directions in order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be understood without much effort • Answer “yes/no” questions that are more complex • Tell a story or event and then retell it in a logical order • Express an idea in complete sentences • Use most of the parts of speech • Ask and answer “wh” questions (who, what, when, where, why, and how) • Maintain a topic during conversation • Give others directions • Initiate conversation
Read	Write
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make rhyming words • Pick out all the sounds in short words • Blending sounds into words • Point out spoken words in print • Know that a book is read from left to right and top to bottom • Point out a letter, word, and sentences • Sound out words • Recognize 100 words just by sight (without sounding it out) • Read grade level material without making many errors and at a normal speed • Understand what it means to read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expresses thoughts through writing • Print legibly • Spell words that are used often correctly • Start each sentence with a capital letter • Finish each sentence with punctuation (.,?!,) • Use different means of writing like journaling, writing stories, or letters