



Sandburg First Grade Readiness Checklist

Reading & comprehension

- Retells a simple story
- Recognizes all the letters of the alphabet in order
- Distinguishes between and prints capital and lowercase letters
- Associates letters and sounds
- Recognizes rhymes and rhyming patterns
- Makes predictions about a story or passage based on the title and/or pictures
- Identifies basic sight words
- Distinguishes fact from fiction
- Begins to understand simple punctuation marks (period, question mark, etc.)
- Locates the title of a book

Writing

- Reads and writes own name
- Tells a story using pictures
- Uses letters to depict words or ideas
- Writes familiar words
- Copies or writes words to convey messages
- Builds simple words and sentences
- Demonstrates left-to-right progression, and top-to-bottom progression
- Handles writing tools correctly

Language & listening skills

- Understands and follows simple directions
- Listens to others for short periods of time without interrupting
- Participates in discussions and conversations
- Asks questions
- Speaks clearly to convey messages and requests
- Uses complete sentences
- Retells a simple story with basic elements of beginning, middle and end

Numbers, operations & problem solving skills

- Names numerals 0 through 30
- Writes numerals 0 through 20
- Uses counting skills to add to 10
- Shows interest in solving mathematical problems
- Solves problems by guessing and checking using manipulatives or fingers
- Shows an understanding of the calendar and time
- Knows the days of the week and months of the year
- Knows the value of a penny, nickel, dime and quarter