



When I am in First Grade:

This card offers suggestions on how you can help your first grader continue to develop in the four key curriculum areas he or she is studying in school: Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Your child will have a lot of fun while learning at Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta.

Curriculum Area	Skill	Activity in the Museum
Language Arts	I understand and talk about stories I read.	Take advantage of our "book nooks" around the Museum and have your child practice "reading" by describing the pictures and interpreting the story for you. Later in the school year, if he or she is a reader, have them read a story to you.
Math	I am learning to build, draw, and name geometric figures.	In <i>Tools for Solutions</i> , have your first grader use the building blocks to build a tower as tall as possible, naming all the shapes he or she uses in the tower.
Science	I am learning to look, question, and investigate patterns. I am having fun with and recognizing sources of light and explain how shadows are made.	Have fun playing in our shadow wall in <i>Let Your Creativity Flow</i> — find the source of light and create fun shadow shapes. Do the shadows make patterns?
Social Studies	I am identifying, describing, and explaining basic economic ideas (goods, services, scarcity, producers and consumers, spending and saving).	Use our grocery store in <i>Fundamentally Food</i> to talk about how food gets from the farm to the home. Do some shopping and have your child decide who produces the food (farmer), where it goes next (grocery store), and who is the final consumer (your family).

Below are the different core areas of study that your child is experiencing in first grade. The areas listed and their activities come from the Georgia Performance Standards published by the State Board of Education — they are a sampling and not the complete list. If you would like a parent handout on the Georgia Performance Standards, check their website at: www.georgiastandards.org/

Language Arts

- Use sounds I know when reading and writing
- Write words, sentences, and stories
- Read correctly, quickly, and with expression the words that I see often
- Understand and talk about stories I read
- Recognize and use words I am learning

Mathematics

- Add and subtract numbers less than 100
- Build, draw, and name geometric figures
- Ask questions to help me solve problems
- Measure length, weight, capacity, and time (hour, half hour, days in a week, and months in a year)
- Make connections between math and other subjects

Social Studies

- Identify and describe historical American figures
- Locate my city, country, state, nation, and continent on a map or globe
- Identify, describe, and explain basic economic ideas (goods, services, scarcity, producers and consumers, spending and saving)

Science

- Create drawings that correctly show something described
- Look, question, and investigate patterns
- Recognize sources of light and explain how shadows are made
- Demonstrate awareness of the characteristics and basic needs of plants and animals

Great Read-Aloud Books for First Graders

Castaway Cats by Lisa Wheeler

Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me by Eric Carle

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears by Verna Aardema

Margaret and Margarita: Margarita y Margaret by Lynn Reiser

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