First Grade Readiness Expectations

Over the summer, here are a few ideas to help prepare your child to be ready to enter GHI. In addition, your student can enroll in the Summer Orientation Camp for Singapore and Spalding June 10-14.

**Academic Expectations** Students should enter understanding the following:

**Math Readiness**
- Count, write, identify, compare, order and understand numbers to 100 including skip counting by 10’s, 5’s, and 2’s
- Add and Subtract Whole Numbers
- Shapes and their attributes
- Recognize, identify and extend Patterns
- Measurement: Length, size, weight and capacity
- One to one correspondence by counting handfuls of small objects (blocks, legos, beans, buttons, macaroni, etc.)
- Identify U.S. coins and their values
- Tell time to the hour

**Language Arts Readiness**
- Phonograms - Practice Spalding Phonogram flashcards daily. We encourage our Great Hearts Irving families to each purchase a single set of these Spalding Phonogram cards. Use the phonogram videos to help pronounce the sounds correctly. [http://greatheartsirving.greatheartsacademies.org/academy-life/parent-resources/](http://greatheartsirving.greatheartsacademies.org/academy-life/parent-resources/)
- Handwriting - penmanship
- Aesop’s Fables
- American Folk Heroes and Tall Tales
- History units and science units

*We encourage you to purchase What your Kindergartener needs to Know to prepare for First grade.*
- Geography: Spatial Sense and Maps
- Overview of the Seven Continents

**American History Units**
- Geography
- Native American Peoples: Past and Present
- Early Exploration and Settlement: Voyage of Columbus, The Pilgrims and Independence Day
- Presidents: Past and Present
- American Symbols and Figures

**Science Units**
- Properties of Matter
- Plants and Plant Growth
- Animals and their needs
- The Human Body: Five Senses
- Sound, Heat and Light Energy
- Magnetism
- Objects in the sky; Day and Night patterns
- Seasons and Weather
- Rocks, water and soil
- Taking Care of the Earth
- Science Biographies

Read to a parent 20 minutes per day (M-F)

**Classics to Keep:**

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