

## 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.greatheartsschools.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.

### World History Units

- 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:**

Title	ISBN
Mouse Tales	9780064440134
Little Bear	9780064441971
The Grasshopper on the Road	9780064440943
Mouse Soup	9780064440417