



Xavier Charter School

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The following skills should be mastered prior to coming into First Grade:

Language Arts:

- Knows the Dolch pre-primer sight words
- Knows all 26 letter names and sounds
- Recognizes and can write their name with proper capitalization and spelling
- Writes appropriately on lined paper of various sizes (fitting text within the space, writing letters on the baseline, adding spaces between words, using the midpoint for short letters, etc.)
- Comprehends a read-aloud, and can write and recall basic information
- Holds pencil correctly and writes letters legibly using D'Nealian letter formation
- Can read decodable words (cat, bump, stand, etc.)
- Can spell decodable words

Math:

- Counts forward to 100
- Counts backward from 10 to 1
- Skip counts by 5s and 10s.
- Can use manipulatives to add numbers to 10
- Understands calendar concepts

Developmental:

- Has a sustainable grip on crayons and scissors
- Can follow one-step directions
- Can sustain a full day of school
- Can perform daily homework: (10 minutes of practice work and 20 minutes of reading)
- Able to pack and unpack their belongings
- Is responsible for their belongings
- Can copy from the board
- Can communicate needs to the teacher
- Can demonstrate self-control

Please be sure to review any of the above skills with your child if you believe your child may be deficient in one or more areas.