

Welcome to first grade!

Dear first grader:

I am so proud you made it to first grade! My name is Mrs. Vasquez and this will be my sixth year here at QofA! I have taught both Kindergarten and First Grade during these past years. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with you in the new school year.

I'm really excited to welcome you and to have you in my class! First Grade is full of new things to learn, fun things to do, and lots of reading ☺ can't wait for you to start a fresh, fun, and exciting new adventure! In the meantime, keep enjoying your summer, and don't forget to read a lot!!

Please see below for a little overview where you should be upon entry to first grade:

Phonics:

- Vowels (long and short sounds).
- Alphabet (letter names and sounds)
- Beginning blends: sh, th, ch, wh, sp, ph.
- Rhyming.
- Decoding skills (blending, segmenting).
- Word families.

Language Arts/Reading:

- Reading still for at least 15min.
- Using pointer finger to follow along.
- Identify sight words (look in summer maintenance packet).
- Decoding skills.
- Comprehension skills.
- Predicting outcomes in a story.
- Parts of the story (beginning, middle, end).
- Identifying setting, characters, main events, end.
- Identify author, illustrator, and characters in a book.

Math:

- Identify numbers to 100.
- Count aloud to 100.
- Spell and write numbers to 10.
- Count by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s to 100.
- Addition facts to 10.