FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

FIRST-GRADE READINESS

The first-grade entry skills list acts as a guide for parents and teachers in determining correct placement of a child who was home schooled for kindergarten. It is a resource that is supplemental to testing.

Students entering first grade at Faith Christian Academy should be able to:

Physical/Social:
Listen and follow directions
Raise hand to ask questions
Be quiet and orderly in hallways and restrooms
Concentrate long enough to complete a task
Sit for 30-minute periods at a time
Act respectfully toward other students and their property
Use restroom independently, including zippers and belts
Tie shoes
Verbally express opinions, feelings, and needs

Handwriting:
Form uppercase and lowercase manuscript letters legibly
Write first and last name
Understand the concept of spacing
Write numerals 0-20
Routinely properly erase, slant paper, and maintain writing posture

Reading Readiness:
Articulate letter names and their main sounds (including short and long vowels)
Sound out beginning letter sounds in words
Sound out short vowel words
Sound out long vowel words with silent final e
Fluently read a simple story containing short vowel words and some sight words with 90% accuracy
Sound out some two- and three-letter consonant blends (sh, th, ck)
Correctly write from dictation 80% of the two-letter phonograms as introduced with the Sansari cards
Fluently read color words, number words, and first 50 sight words from Fry list

Language:
Speak in complete sentences
Use appropriate voice tone for age

Math:
Add and subtract with concrete manipulatives up to ten
Recognize and write numerals 0-100
Recite the seven days in a week and the twelve months in a year
Understand basic spatial relationships
Identify basic shapes
Tells time to the hour
Can name coins and give values to a penny, nickel, dime, and quarter