



Sunset Elementary School

Skills to Review Before Entering Grade 4

Writing

✓ Writes informative/explanatory texts introducing a topic, developing the topic with facts and details, and providing a concluding sentence.
✓ Writes narratives on real or imagined experiences using descriptive details and clear event sequences.
✓ Writes complete sentences with correct punctuation and grammar.
✓ Writes complete paragraphs using correct punctuation and grammar.
✓ Indents the first line of a paragraph.
✓ Writes legibly, using appropriate size of letters and spacing.
✓ Follows capitalization rules.
✓ Spells frequently misspelled words correctly and uses the correct homophone in context. <i>Ex: their, they're, and there.</i>
✓ Ensures subject-verb agreement in writing.
✓ Chooses words and phrases for effect.

Reading/Language Arts

✓ Reads a variety of text- fiction, fables, folktales, myths, articles, poems, etc.
✓ Describes characters in a story- their traits, motivations, feelings, and how actions affect the events in a story.
✓ Refers to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking. Use of words such as chapter, scene, and stanza.
✓ Compare and contrast themes, settings, and plots of stories.
✓ Uses text features and search to locate information relevant to a topic.
✓ Determines the main idea of nonfiction text, retell the main details, and explain how they support the main idea.
✓ Decodes multi-syllable words. Decode words with common prefixes and suffixes as well as know their meanings.
✓ Reads on-level text with purpose and understanding, appropriate rate, and expression; and, Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding.

Mathematics

✓ Solves multiplication problems fluently using factors from 0 to 12.
✓ Adds and subtracts large numbers fluently.

✓ Identifies and explains patterns in arithmetic.
✓ Understands and represents place value through the hundred thousand's place.
✓ Subtracts with regrouping and zeros through the hundred thousand's place.
✓ Recognizes and finds the perimeter of a geometric shape. Understand the difference between area and perimeter.
✓ Makes sense of word problems by using different strategies and persevere in solving them.
✓ Solves multi-step problems using multiplication, addition, and subtraction.
✓ Understands how to use a ruler to measure objects.

Science

✓ Identifies the steps of the scientific method.
✓ Recognizes that scientists use models to help understand and explain how things work.
✓ Raise questions about the natural world, investigate them individually or in teams, and generate possible explanations.
✓ Keep records, pictorial or simple charts and graphs, of investigations conducted.
✓ Make inferences based on observations.
✓ Communicate results with others.
✓ Identifies the Sun as a star that emits light energy and appears larger than others because it is the closest to Earth.
✓ Describes structures in plants and their roles in food production, support, water and nutrient transport, and reproduction.
✓ Classifies animals into major groups (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, arthropods, vertebrates and invertebrates, those having live births and those which lay eggs) according to their physical characteristics and behaviors.

Organizational Skills/ Work Habits

✓ Follows directions orally.
✓ Uses agenda properly- writing down all assignments and marking assignments once the student has completed them.
✓ Separates long-term assignments into smaller parts and use the agenda to plan and monitor progress.
✓ Organizes book bag and folders weekly.
✓ Monitors supplies and replenish as needed.