

# **George Washington Academy**

## **Guidelines for Entering First Grade**

Students entering first grade at George Washington Academy should have mastered the following academic, social, and behavioral milestones before entering school.

### **Language Arts:**

- Identify all upper and lowercase letters, as well as their corresponding sounds
- Correctly form all upper and lowercase letters
- Oral phonograms- mastery of at least 40 phonograms (if attended GWA during Kindergarten)
- Writing first and last name correctly (capitalizing only the first letter)
- Demonstrate proper handwriting position with body posture and pencil-grip
- Mastery of Fry Sight Words= minimum of first 50
- Lexile Reading Level = 190

### **Math:**

- Orally count to 100
- Identify and write numbers from 1-20, in numerical and random order
- Label basic shapes and colors
- Perform single digit addition through numeral 10
- Perform single digit subtraction through numeral 10

### **Behaviorally:**

- Follow simple 2-3 step directions independently
- Listen and articulate at an appropriate age level
- Maintain age appropriate “attention” during instructional periods
- Exhibit the independent motor skills regarding; getting dressed, tying shoelaces, putting homework in folders, taking folders home, completing and returning homework, getting reading minutes signed off in planners, walking independently to class, use scissors, etc.

### **Homework:**

- Read 20-30 minutes nightly
- 1-2 math sheets each night
- Study for weekly spelling and phonogram tests
- Study for science and social studies tests