First Grade Families: In Walla Walla Public Schools, we operate in an aligned and coherent system. This means students will receive access to the same promise standards no matter which school they attend. The first grade team at your child’s school will support all students to reach proficiency on the promise standards listed below, while also addressing all of the first grade math and language arts standards. Teachers identified these promise standards in alignment with previous and following grade levels to ensure skills build from year to year, and lead to a successful educational career in Walla Walla Public Schools.

First Grade Math Promise Standards

- Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems.
- Add and subtract within 20, demonstrating fluency for addition and subtraction within 10.
- Understand the meaning of the equal sign, and determine if equations involving addition and subtraction are true or false.
- Determine the unknown whole number in an addition or subtraction equation relating three whole numbers.
- Count to 120, starting at any number less than 120. In this range, read and write numerals.
- Understand that the two digits of a two-digit number represent amounts of tens and ones.
- Add within 100, including adding a two-digit and one-digit number.
- Order three objects by length, compare the lengths of two objects indirectly using a third object.

First Grade ELA Promise Standards

- Capitalize dates and names of people.
- Use end punctuation for sentences.
- Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.
- Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.
- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
  - Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs.
  - Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
  - Know final -e and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds.
  - Use knowledge that every syllable must have a vowel sound to determine the number of syllables in a printed word.
  - Decode two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking the words into syllables.
  - Read words with inflectional endings.
  - Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
- Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
- Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.
- Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.
- Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.
- Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.