

# PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## BENCHMARKS FOR GRADE 1

The First Grade Benchmark pamphlet is designed to inform parents of the key learning skills found in each identified curriculum. Students are expected to be proficient in these identified skills at the end of the school year. Although each child's development varies, these are the skills the school district has identified as essential, in order to be adequately prepared for advancement to the next grade level.

The teachers strive to individualize the curriculum as much as possible to meet the needs of each child. Your child's age, abilities, personality, interests, and learning styles are considered when planning instructional experiences.

Each student will be encouraged to develop the following study skills. As a parent much can be done in partnership with the classroom teachers to reinforce and practice these skills.

- ❖ Cooperation with others
- ❖ Problem-solving
- ❖ Decision-making
- ❖ Applying what is learned to real life situations

Every child in the district will receive a minimum of one full hour of Reading and Mathematics each day in the regular classroom. In grade 1, Science and Social Studies are integrated into the Reading program, with activities that support both Reading and the discreet topics in Science or Social Studies.

The Mathematics curriculum is aligned to the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards. It has a focus that allows students to construct knowledge, by including a variety of hands-on learning experiences with physical objects to assist with the development and understanding of concepts. The topic areas in math include: Numeration and Problem-Solving, Operations, Measurement, Geometry, Data, and Algebra.

The Reading and Language Arts core curriculum program is supported by supplemental curriculum, inclusive of Guided Reading and the 6+1 Traits Writing process.