



## Foundational Skills Entering Kindergarten

We are thrilled to welcome your family to Archway Scottsdale! Our curriculum is rigorous and exciting! There are a few expectations that will help to better prepare your child for a successful year. Prior to coming into kindergarten, the following skills should be mastered so students have a firm foundation on which to build starting on their first day!

### Students should be able to:

- Write their own first and last name.
- Recognize all 26 letters (upper and lower case) in random order.
- Recognize numbers 1-10.
- Identify basic shapes.
- Identify basic colors.
- Hold a pencil correctly in a tripod grip.
- Hold scissors correctly.
- Cut out simple shapes.
- Paste and glue.
- Tie shoes, and zip and button clothing.
- Communicate basic needs to others.  
*(e.g., ask for help or clarification during learning activities, ask to use the restroom when needed, etc.)*

### Homework and Tests

- Students will work up to a weekly homework packet for math as well as studying for weekly phonogram, sight word, and spelling tests.
- About 20 minutes per night when we work up to full homework in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

### Looking Ahead

For reference, by the end of the year the students need to have **mastered the 70 Spalding phonograms, 100 sight words, be able to write 3 independent sentences on a given topic, and read 3 to 4 sentences per page (see example below)**. Through our Spalding curriculum and instruction, along with parent support, the students will be successful in meeting these academic goals we have set for them. It is crucial that students consistently practice these skills at home as well, in order to meet the end of the year goals. **Students are expected to read and practice these skills 20 minutes every night throughout the year.**

(Example of reading page)



The wheel rolls toward the river.  
It rolls over the bridge.  
Faster and faster.