

# Communication Development

*Developmental milestones for typically developing first grade students*

By the end of first grade, typically developing students should be able to....

## Listening

- 1 Recall short verbally-presented sentences
- 2 Understand commands
- 3 Follow 2-step related directions in order

## Speaking

- 1 Be understood in conversation 90% of the time
- 2 Answer yes/no questions (less and more complex)
- 3 Tell and retell stories and simple directions in order
- 4 Express ideas in complete sentences
- 5 Mostly correct grammar
- 6 Ask/answer "wh" questions (who, what, where, when, why)
- 7 Stay on topic for 2-3 exchanges
- 8 Take turns in conversation
- 9 Start appropriate conversations

*See English Learner (EL) poster for information about English Language Learners.*

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