



We are thankful that you have selected Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix as your school of choice and are excited to partner with you in your child's education for many years to come.

Please look over the “**Skills to Practice Before Second Grade**” checklist below. We encourage you to take the time between now and the end of July to ensure your child is ready for second grade. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Jaime Alexander, our second grade Faculty Lead, at jalexander@archwaynorthphoenix.org or Ms. Bethany Hunter, our Dean of Academics, at bhunter@archwaynorthphoenix.org.

Skills to Practice Before Second Grade

Mathematics

- We use **Rocket Math** at Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix to equip students with math facts. To begin practicing math facts, we encourage you to use addition and subtraction flashcards or [subscribe to Rocket Math online](#).
- Have your scholar complete the *Singapore Mathematics Standards Edition Primary Mathematics: Extra Practice Workbook* (available for purchase online) from First Grade, paying special attention to the strategies employed.

Language Arts

- Practice the **Spalding Phonogram flashcards** with your scholar at home. Use the Great Hearts' [phonogram videos](#) to help pronounce the sounds correctly or purchase the Spalding App.
- Expose your scholar to [precise handwriting](#).

Below is a list of books that were read during first grade at Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix. We recommend that you read and discuss one or more of these books with your child. (*Indicates this book is a priority to read over the summer.)

Frog & Toad by Arnold Lobel*

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett*

Sam the Minuteman by Nathaniel Benchley

A Bargain for Francis by Russell Hoban

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Connie Roop

The True Story of Pocahontas by Lucille Recht

Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President by Shirley-Raye Redmond
The Best-Loved Doll by Rebecca Caudill

Helpful Links

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