

**Colorado Springs School District 11**  
**1st Grade Common Word List**

Student Name	1st Testing/date	2nd Testing/date	3rd Testing/date	4th Testing/date	5th Testing/date
about					
<i>above</i>					
across					
after					
again					
along					
ate					
away					
<i>baby</i>					
back					
bag					
<i>ball</i>					
band					
bank					
<i>bear</i>					
<i>because</i>					
bed					
<i>been</i>					
begin					
best					
better					
bill					
bird					
<i>blow</i>					
boat					
book					
<i>both</i>					
boy					
broke					
bus					
<i>call</i>					
came					
can't					
car					
cat					
<i>cent</i>					
children					
coat					
color					
cook					
cool					
corn					
cost					
<i>could</i>					

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cross					
dad					
day					
deep					
down					
dress					
drop					
drove					
dry					
dust					
each					
east					
easy					
eat					
end					
ever					
<i>fall</i>					
family					
farm					
farmer					
fast					
feed					
fill					
<i>find</i>					
first					
fit					
flower					
fly					
from					
fun					
game					
gas					
gave					
girl					
<i>give</i>					
glad					
glass					
going					
good					
got					
grass					
gray					
gun					
had					
happy					
has					

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hat					
heat					
held					
help					
her					
here					
hill					
him					
his					
hole					
home					
hope					
house					
into					
its					
job					
jump					
just					
kick					
king					
know					
late					
lay					
little					
<i>live</i>					
long					
lost					
lot					
<i>low</i>					
made					
make					
<i>many</i>					
map					
men					
met					
milk					
miss					
mom					
moon					
more					
<i>most</i>					
neck					
new					
nice					
north					
now					

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off					
oh					
<i>onto</i>					
or					
other					
over					
pass					
past					
path					
<i>people</i>					
pick					
plan					
plane					
<i>put</i>					
rain					
ring					
road					
rock					
rode					
rope					
<i>row</i>					
safe					
sat					
saw					
sell					
send					
sent					
sheep					
shell					
ship					
shook					
shop					
shot					
<i>should</i>					
sit					
sky					
sleep					
<i>some</i>					
south					
spend					
spent					
spoke					
spot					
spring					
star					
stay					

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steel					
step					
stick					
take					
<i>tall</i>					
than					
thank					
that					
<i>their</i>					
them					
then					
<i>there</i>					
these					
thing					
this					
time					
too					
town					
trade					
tree					
trip					
truck					
under					
us					
<i>very</i>					
<i>walk</i>					
<i>walked</i>					
<i>want</i>					
<i>water</i>					
<i>way</i>					
week					
went					
<i>were</i>					
wet					
wheel					
which					
wish					
<i>won</i>					
wood					
<i>word</i>					
<i>would</i>					
<i>your</i>					
zero					
<i>zoo</i>					

First Grade Common Word List

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This sheet is for teacher recording purposes. The student will be looking at his/her own list and the teacher will mark the student's reading in the boxes on this sheet. This recording tool can be used as an ongoing piece of data.

Since students read a variety of texts in a balanced literacy program, these words may not be learned in any certain order. Students will gain these words after multiple exposures; therefore this entire list should be used during each testing time. ( The testing can take 2-3 sessions over 2-5 days.)

***Italicized*** words are sight words. The remaining words are high frequency words, pattern words, and content words.

**Proficiencies are scored as follows:**

**(Students will be able to read 300-500 sight and one and two syllable words)**

First grade students will read all 76 Kindergarten words and:

At the end of quarter one, students will be able to read 50 of these sight words.

At the end of quarter two, students will be able to read 100 of these sight words.

At the end of quarter three, students will be able to read 160 of these sight words.

At the end of quarter four, students will be able to read 226 (or all) of these sight words.

This is a total of 226 high frequency words for first grade. Other words will be learned from phonics, spelling and vocabulary programs to total the expected 300-500 + words.

**Use the following marks:**

**Checkmark** = read fluently without any pausing or decoding

**Straight line** = read, but with decoding or pausing, not automatic

**Circle** = unknown

**Resources used to compile these words:**

1993 Instant Words, Fry

1998 McREL, Bodrova, Leong, Semenov

1999 Language and Reading Success, Living Word Vocabulary, Biemiller

2003 Colorado Springs School District 11 Common Sight Words

Rebecca Sitton's list of 1200 writing words