

## **WHAT EVERY STUDENT SHOULD KNOW (WESSK)**

Although it usually takes students two years of twice weekly lessons to progress from a zero reading level to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade level, most do not continue for that length of time. Therefore, it is important for the tutor to make sure that the student possesses some very minimal skills before the student leaves the program. The following are some of the most basic skills needed by every student:

1. Be able to write their name, address, phone number and names of all their family members.
2. Be able to fill out a simple application form (5-6 questions).
3. Know the alphabet in order.
4. Be able to look up a telephone number in the phone book (when they know how to spell the name).
5. Be able to address an envelope.
6. Be able to write a check.
7. With tutor's help, be able to make a list of emergency phone numbers, including 911 or other needed information.
8. Be able to tell time.
9. Be able to make change.
10. Be able to read and spell (or abbreviate) the names of the months and days of the week.