

A Special Note from the First Grade Jeachers

Dear Kindergarten Families,

It is hard to believe that Kindergarten is over and summertime is here! We are certain the growth and change in your kindergarten child has been amazing.

Before you realize it, summer will be over and thoughts of first grade will fill your household. We would like to provide you with some ideas and skills you can work on over the summer months to prepare your child for first grade:

- Practice reading the sight words on the attached list to increase quick recall.
- Practice writing his/her name on lined paper using a capital letter at the beginning of their first and last name (all other letters should be lowercase).
- Identify the letter name (upper and lowercase) and sound of each letter of the alphabet.
- Practice and review kindergarten math skills (number recognition, counting to 30, and addition and subtraction facts to 10). A good way to review these skills without appearing as practice is with board games that use dice, card games, and dominoes. By the end of first grade all students will be expected to know their addition and subtraction facts to 10 automatically.
- Don't forget to go to the library. They have a great summer reading program!
- Overall, remember the importance of reading to your child as often as you can!! Please set aside time each day to do so.

We look forward to seeing you in August! Have a safe and enjoyable summer. We can't wait to meet you!

The First Grade Teachers



Kindergarten sight words

(need to be able to read with <u>automaticity</u> for first grade, so please be sure to practice daily until mastered!!!)

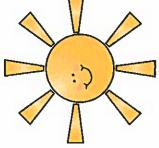
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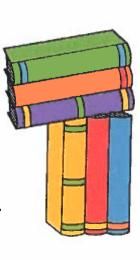
Reading Summer

Ideas

- *Visit the public library *Visit the bookstore
- *Listen to books while driving
 - *Take turns reading
- *Find fun places to read

*Swap books with a friend

- *Go book shopping at a thrift store
- *Read books, then watch the movie version and compare

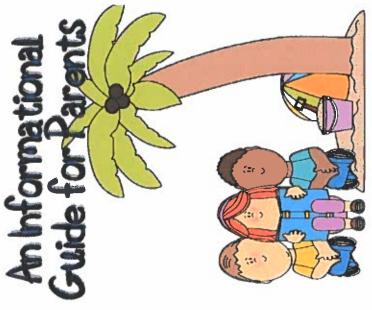


Goal: Read 100 books this summer!

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Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard this year! According to research,* students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. That means 2 months of school, down the drain!

You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer.
Try to read something everyday, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu.
Every word counts.

Here's to making this a summer of reading!

*Research from Reading is Fundamental http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/keeping-kids-off-the-summer-



Here are some great websites to read online:

Storyline Online—celebrities read aloud favorite children's books

http://www.storylineonline.net

We Give Books—read books online, and the website donates books to children in need

http://www.wegivebooks.org

international Children's Library a large collection of stories from around the world

http://en.childrenslibrary.org

Storytime For Me—fun and colorful stories to read online

http://storytimeforme.com

Learn more about the importance of summer reading:

"Summer Reading Loss"
http://www.readingrockets.org/
article/15218/

"Bridging the Summer Reading Gap" http://www.scholastic.com/teachers.article/bridging-summer-reading-gap

"Helping to Prevent Summer Reading Loss"

http://www.pbs.org/parents/experts/archive/2010/07/helping-to-preventsummer-read.html

"Summer Setback"

http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/summer-setback.html

"Primer on Summer Learning Loss"

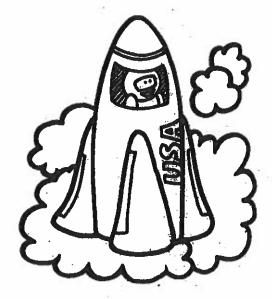
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Blast Off!

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$$0 + 3 =$$

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$$4 + 0 =$$

The Muffin Man

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E.
$$5-2=$$

F.
$$2-2=$$

G.
$$2-0=$$

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Balloons





