

Recommended Summer Activities



Rising First Grade

We think you and your child will find First Grade to be an exciting and wonderful journey! Experience has shown us that successful readers are those who have been immersed in written language. Therefore, it is very important that you read to your child or have your child read to you every day. Suggested book titles are on the following page. Please note that the reading levels of these books vary. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult...but the book would still be a great book to read aloud to your child. The minimum requirement is twenty-five books – our hope is that you and your child will read and enjoy many more. These books should be recorded on the Summer Reading Log.

It has also been proven that writing promotes reading. We encourage you to have your child keep a journal. The journal can include your child's writing and illustrations of vacations, cool outings, time spent with the family, or everyday life!

Math is found everywhere in everyday life. There are lots of ways to make math fun while preparing for first grade. Some ideas are:

- Count items by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's to 100 and beyond.
- Give simple addition and subtraction problems to your child throughout your week.
- Get an analog clock and play with it - numbers, hour, and minute hands.
- Have your child count money – pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.
- Play with numbers daily using words such as; more, less, the same, between, patterns – to name a few.
- If you're an iPad user, you may want to try the summer version of Splash Math (use the Kindergarten level). We've found it to be a great tool all year long.

Have a happy and safe summer!
We look forward to a wonderful 1st grade year!
The First Grade Teachers

Suggested Books for Rising First Grade

Classics to Read to a First Grader

- *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
- *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *When Will I Read?* by Miriam Cohen

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- *Alphabet City* by Stephen Johnson
- *Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions* by Margaret Musgrove
- *The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster and Chris Raschka
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *A Story, A Story* by Gail E. Haley

Fun Books to Share

- *And I Mean It, Stanley* by Crosby Bonsall
- Arthur series by Marc Brown
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon
- Berenstain Bear series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Clifford series by Norman Bridwell
- *Dinosaur Time* by Peggy Parish
- *The Eye Book* by Theo LeSieg
- Franklin series by Paulette Bourgeois
- Froggy series by Jonathan London
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Little Critter series by Mercer Mayer
- *Morris the Moose* by Bernard Wiseman
- Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle

Math in Picture Books

- *One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints* by Diana Pomeroy
- *Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Story in Reverse, (A Tale of Wickedness—and Worse!)* by William Wise
- *When Sheep Cannot Sleep* by Satoshi Kitamura

Learning to Read Series

- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1–4

Alphabet Books

- *Animalia* by Graeme Baese
- *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* by Jerry Pallotta
- *Z Was Zapped* by Chris Van Allsburg











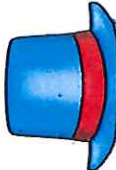





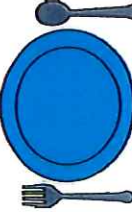





Kindergarten and 1st Grade READING BINGO



Use this Reading Bingo card to make reading fun for the summer!

Complete one column or go for bingo blackout! Mark your completed squares with your parent's initials.

Read out loud! 	Read with a pet! 	Read on a sunny day! 	Read with a flashlight! 	Read in your pajamas! 
Read on a rainy day! 	Read before breakfast! 	Read to a sibling or cousin! 	Read sitting on the floor! 	Read in a car! 
Read wearing a hat! 	Read under a tree! 	Read while eating a snack! 	Read in a whisper! 	Read to your favorite stuffed animal! 
Read in a pillow fort! 	Read after dinner! 	Read a book you got at the library! 	Read a book with a red, white, or blue cover! 	Read in your bed! 



Summer Reading Log

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Technology Resources for Summer Skills Fun

**Awesome Apps
for
Math Review**



Todo Math
K-1st grade



Splash Math
K-5th grade



Math Ninja
2nd 5th grade



Thinking Blocks
3rd-5th grade

**Great Websites
for
Math Fact Practice**



www.mathplayground.com
3rd-5th grade



<http://www.playkidsgames.com/games/mathfact/mathFact.htm>
1st-5th grade



<http://www.mathfactcafe.com>
1st-5th grade

**Amazing Apps
for
Language Arts Review**



Endless Reader
& Endless
Wordplay
K-1st grade



Kids A-Z
K- 2nd grade



Word Connex
K- 3rd grade



Rocket Speller
1st-5th grade

**Wonderful Websites
for
Language Arts Practice**



<https://www.funbrain.com>
K-5th grade



<http://www.abcya.com>
K-5th grade



<https://www.ixl.com/ela>
K-5th grade