

Dear Upcoming First Grader,

Congratulations on completing your Kindergarten year! You have learned so much and we want you to continue that over the summer. Here are some expectations we have for you as you prepare for first grade:

- Read EVERY day...books, recipes, road signs, anything and everything! A list of book suggestions can be found on the back of this letter.
 - **Choose at least 3 books to read from the suggested list . Write down those book titles and all other books you read over the Summer on the attached reading log.**
- As you read with your parents, practice sounding out words. Do you remember all the letter sounds?
- Keep a summer journal to write about all the fun things you are doing.
 - **Complete the writing page attached to this letter. Write about your favorite book you've read over the Summer or write about your favorite Summer experience.**
- Practice the attached list of sight words.
- Practice counting small groups of items. Examples: 5 Q-tips, 7 spoons, 12 noodles, etc.
- Add simple numbers- $2+3$, $1+2$, $4+1$, etc.
- Practice letting others go first, doing their idea first, and helping clean up messes you didn't even make!
- Play with Legos, work puzzles, use crayons, and run around OUTSIDE.

Please bring your writing and reading log to turn in to us on the first day of school. We can't wait to see your hard work. We hope you have a fun, safe summer! Keep the learning going! We look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,
First Grade Teachers



Book Suggestions

- Any “Step Into Reading” series books
- Any “I Can Read” series books
- Mo Willems- Elephant and Piggie Series
- Laura Numeroff- “If you Give A” series
- Arnold Lobel- Frog and Toad Series
- Cynthia Rylant- Henry and Mudge Series and Mr.Putter and Tabby Series
- Kate Dicamillo- Mercy Watson Series
- National Geographic Kid Readers
- Biscuit Books- Biscuit Finds a Friend, Bathtime for Biscuit, etc.
- Puppy Mudge Books- Puppy Mudge Finds a Friend and others
- Fly Guy Series

You're on your way to First

The information provided below is designed to help you make sure that your child has the skills to be ready for first grade.

You bet I'm ready for First Grade!

Personal Needs Without Help: Can they...

- Put on and take off coat/shoes?
- Tie their own shoes?
- Open packets and containers for lunch?
- State their birthday?
- State their address and phone number?

Social Skills: Can they ...

- Accept responsibility for their choices/actions?
- Cooperate with other children?
- Work independently?
- Follow multi-step directions?
- Problem solve for basic problems/situations?

ELA Skills: Can they...

- Tell and retell familiar stories?
- Recognize/Write all upper and lower case letters?
- Produce the sounds that letters make?
- Write their first name and last name correctly (e.g., M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T)?
- Read basic sight words?
- Write 1-3 sentences with a capital, spacing between words and punctuation at the end?
- Blend and segment one syllable words (e.g., c-a-t, cat)?

Math Skills: Can they...

- Identify colors, shapes (2D and 3D) and sizes?
- Count to 100 by 1's and 10's?
- Write numbers up to 20?
- Count objects up to 20 and know the last number said is the number of objects?
- Add and subtract numbers within 10?
- Identify which group has more/less?
- Describe the position of items (above, below, next to, beside, behind, in front of)?
- Compose and decompose numbers within 20 (e.g., 19 is 10 and 9)?

Additional Information

Summer Slide

- Children lose 2-3 months of academic knowledge during the summer.
- To help with the summer slide, have your child work on ELA and math skills at least 1 hour daily.
- Go to the library and check out books or read while there.
- Limit screen time (computer, tablet, phone, video games).
- Take a walk. On the walk count objects, notice shapes, and just talk with your child.

Educational Websites

- Starfall.com
- Abcya.com
- Teachyourmonstertoread.com



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Illustrate and write about your favorite book that you read this summer. OR illustrate and write about your favorite summer experience.


