

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.

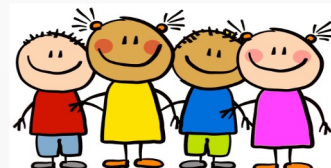
- **HERE ARE YOUR SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS THAT YOU MUST COMPLETE BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL:**
  - Choose at least 3 books to read from the suggested list. Write down the book titles on the provided reading log. Of course, we hope you read more than 3 books. 😊
  - Complete the writing page attached to this letter. Write about your favorite book you've read over the summer OR write about your favorite summer experience.
- **OPTIONAL – Summer Bridge Workbook- Complete the daily pages. If you complete the entire workbook and bring it back to school on the first day, your teacher will have a treat for you!**

Please bring your writing paper, reading log, and Summer Bridge Workbook 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!

Here are some other ways to keep your Kindergarten skills sharp:

- Read EVERY day - books, recipes, road signs, anything and everything!
- As you read with your parents, practice sounding out words. Do you remember all the letter sounds?
- Keep reviewing your Kindergarten sight word list. **Student are expected to know these before entering First Grade.**
- 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, sharing your supplies, and helping clean up messes you didn't even make!
- Play with Legos, put together puzzles, use crayons, and run around OUTSIDE.

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



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

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# Kindergarten Sight Words

1st Nine Weeks	2nd Nine Weeks	3rd Nine Weeks	4th Nine Weeks
I a can see like the we to and go	want little you do my are he she with in	was for have they of said went me here this	has look come does what where all that from by

# 1st Grade Wonders

## Sight Words



### Unit 1

- Week 1: Does, Not, School, What
- Week 2: Down, Out, Up, Very
- Week 3: Be, Come, Good, Pull
- Week 4: Fun, Make, They, Too
- Week 5: Jump, Move, Run, Two

### Unit 2

- Week 1: Again, Help, New, There, Use
- Week 2: Could, Live, One, Then, Three
- Week 3: Eat, No, Of, Under, Who
- Week 4: All, Call, Day, Her, Want
- Week 5: Around, By, Many, Place, Walk

### Unit 3

- Week 1: Away, Now, Some, Today, Way, Why
- Week 2: Green, Grow, Pretty, Should, Together, Water
- Week 3: Any, From, Happy, Once, So, Upon
- Week 4: Ago, Boy, Girl, How, Old, People
- Week 5: After, Buy, Done, Every, Soon, Work

### Unit 4

- Week 1: About, Animal, Carry, Eight, Give, Our
- Week 2: Because, Blue, Into, Or, Other, Small
- Week 3: Find, Food, More, Over, Start, Warm
- Week 4: Caught, Flew, Know, Listen, Were
- Week 5: Found, Hard, Near, Woman, Would, Write

### Unit 5

- Week 1: Four, Large, None, Only, Put, Round
- Week 2: Another, Climb, Full, Great, Poor, Through
- Week 3: Began, Better, Guess, Learn, Right, Sure
- Week 4: Color, Early, Instead, Nothing, Oh, Thought
- Week 5: Above, Build, Fall, Knew, Money, Toward

### Unit 6

- Week 1: Answer, Brought, Busy, Door, Enough, Eyes
- Week 2: Brother, Father, Friend, Love, Mother, Picture
- Week 3: Been, Children, Month, Question, Their, Year
- Week 4: Before, Front, Heard, Push, Tomorrow, Your
- Week 5: Favorite, Few, Gone, Surprise, Wonder, Young