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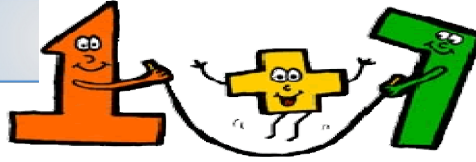
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in School – First Grade Summer Packet

As your child prepares for first grade, here are some suggestions to make the transition a smooth one.

Reading/ Writing

- Visit your town's public library frequently during the summer. Reading aloud to your child will help build his/her comprehension and vocabulary skills. Simple easy beginning readers: books with only a few words on each page which they may be able to read alone or with help will "jump start" their entrance into first grade.
- Model the importance of reading by having a family reading time. This is a time when your child reads, even if this means just interpreting the pictures on each page of a storybook.
- Have your child read 20 minutes each day- either alone, with a sibling, or with an adult.
 - o On the attached reading log, please record the titles of books read this summer.
- Encourage your child to speak in complete sentences when he/she converse to foster correct grammar usage.
- Have your child tell you about the day's events, what he/she likes about a trip you took, etc.
 - o Keep a journal and encourage your child to write in it (*see attached sheet for writing prompts and idea for journal writing).
 - o You can help your child write a sentence or two and you can read it together.



Mathematics

Your child had a busy year learning new math skills in Kindergarten. Mastery of all these skills is extremely important in order to build a solid math foundation. This first grade math program will add into these kindergarten skills, so time spent reinforcing these concepts will be beneficial for your child.

- Here are some suggestions for summer practice before entering the first grade.
 - Read and write numbers up to 30.
 - Count orally to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's.
 - Use the phrases "more than," "less than," or "same as" when comparing two numbers from 1 to 30.
 - Add and subtract numbers from 1 to 10. Use manipulatives or objects around the house to help.
 - Compare two or more objects by length or weight. Which is shorter, longer, taller, smaller, lighter or heavier?
 - Identify and sort objects. Sort items by color, size, shape, etc.
 - Continue a pattern of two or three different objects. Example: red, blue, yellow, red blue, yellow crayons or blocks: or toy car, toy car, toy truck, toy car, toy car, toy truck... For more pattern practice, use colorful cereal or different animal cracker shapes. You can start a pattern and have your child finish it.
 - Recognize coin values: dime = 10 cents, nickel = 5 cents, penny = 1 cent.
 - Do number dot to dot worksheets to help with counting.

Math Websites:

- www.IXL.com - *Student accounts will work throughout the summer. Students can use their usernames and passwords to use it all summer.
- www.aaamath.com
- www.mathisfun.com
- www.funbrain.com
- www.aplusmath.com

gestions:

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. Here are some suggestions ...

Classics to read to First Graders:

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

A Bad Case of the Stripes, by David Shannon

Books to share:

Any of the *Arthur* series by Mark Brown

Any of the *Clifford* series by David Shannon

Any of Dr. Seuss books

Any of the *Franklin* series by Paulette Bourgeois

Any *Biscuit* books by Alyssa Capucilli

- This summer I want to...
- I want to go to ...
- I like to eat
- I like to go to...
- My favorite color is ...
- My favorite book is ..
- My favorite animal is ...
- I want to go on vacation to ..
- My favorite part of school is _____ because _____.
- The best dessert in the world is _____ because _____.
- My best friend is _____ because _____.
- _____ is my favorite season because _____.

More writing ideas:

- What is your greatest talent?
- Write about the best day ever. What would you do?
- Would you rather have a pet cat or dog? Why?
- Write three sentences to describe your bedroom.
- What is your favorite toy? What do you like about it?
- What have you learned this year?
- Would you rather play inside or outside on the weekend? Why?
- What is your favorite thing to play outside?
- What is your favorite place in the world? Why?
- What is your favorite thing about yourself?
- What is the best gift you ever received?

am	a	are	blue
do	for	four	five
go	green	have	he
here	I	is	little
like	look	my	me
of	one	she	see
said	the	two	three
we	with	was	what
you	yellow	red	purple
black	brown	orange	white



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an School – First Grade

Supply List

Each child should bring the following on the first day of school:

- Backpack large enough to hold books and lunchbox.
- 3 pocket folders
- Large soft zippered pencil case which contains:
 - Pencils (AT LEAST 5 sharpened with erasers)
 - 2 large pink pencil erasers
 - 3 large glue sticks
 - 1 box of crayons
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 2 boxes of Clorox wipes
- 1 box of baby wipes