

Summer Reading List for Incoming Grade 1 Students

While children in kindergarten, going to first grade, are at many different levels, it is important to continue to provide varied reading experiences over the summer. This will help to reinforce sight words, phonics skills, comprehension and concepts of print. Children and parents should spend a minimum of 15 minutes per day, engaged in some type of reading experience. This would include reading to your child, with your child, or your child reading to you. Some guidelines for reading material include:

1. Please use the RAZKids website (<https://www.kidsa-z.com/main/Login>) once you have received a login and password from Mrs. Beleckas, Mrs. Parks or the school registrar.
2. The "Ready to Read Books" by Aladdin Paperback (www.SimonSaysKids.com)
3. "Hello Reader Series" by Scholastic Inc. (www.scholastic.com)
4. "Step into Reading" Series by Random House.
5. Check with your local library for "Easy Readers".

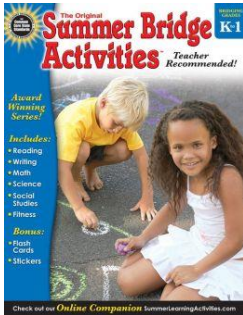
When reading with your child, encourage him/her to identify and read the sight words they learned this year. Use picture clues to help identify new reading words and phonics skills to sound out easier words, especially 3 letter words.

A great reading strategy, as you guide your child in developing their skills over the summer, is to ask questions when you have completed reading a story; make sure your child understands what they read. The sight words learned this year will be the main reading and spelling words your child will have the first 9 weeks of 1st grade. Reviewing these sight words often, will help your child have an easier time adjusting to the reading program in first grade.

We have attached a complete sight word list, which you should practice with your child. Make it fun for your child by having him/her find the words in print, playing card games using the words or writing the words. The following is the sight word games site that was forwarded to you earlier in the year. The children have loved playing some of these games in class. <http://www.sightwords.com/sight-words/games/>

We would also like to remind you about the two math sites the school has subscribed to. These will be great practice for keeping your child's math skills up to date. Attached you will find your child's log on information for each site.

We would like to recommend a summer workbook, titled, *Summer Bridge Activities K-1* as well.



This book provides 5-10 minutes of daily practice on a variety of skills to help prepare your child for first grade.

Many of you have also requested recommendations for iPad apps as well. The following are a few that we have found to be helpful:

- Teach Me Kindergarten/Teach me First Grade
- Train Phonics
- Kids Learn Sight Words 1-100
- Monkey Wordschool Adventure
- ABCMouse
- LittleWriter for Kids
- Splash Math Kindergarten (1st Grade)
- Meerkat Math
- Learning A-Z
- Letter School
- Bugs and Numbers
- Professor Garfield Mental Math

Thank you for sharing your child with us. Have a blessed, safe and fun-filled summer.

Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Beleckas

Summer 2017

Dear Parents,

As we close the year, we would like to resend you a list of this year's sight words. Please continue to practice with your child. Upon entering first grade, he/she should be able to recognize by sight all of the following:

red	funny	away	her
orange	what	come	eat
yellow	has	me	four
green	pink	down	good
blue	white	find	he
brown	my	jump	by
is	big	for	fly
the	and	two	from
black	in	said	into
see	it	help	must
can	are	three	no
today	to	all	now
we	like	did	our
will	you	make	please
fun	Let's	one	pretty
purple	not	was	ride
this	am	with	say
look	little	yes	she
have	up	be	so
I	play	but	that
go	run	get	when
here	do	six	seven
God	of	eight	nine
	they	ten	five

Thank you,
The K-Team

Dear Families,

We are so excited your little one will be joining our First Grade family next school year! We know your child has worked hard this year in Kindergarten, and hope you enjoy a restful summer vacation. We do hope, however, you will build in some time for a little fun learning! Attached to this letter, you will find a summer reading challenge and some book recommendations for incoming First Graders. Students who bring this challenge to their new teacher in August, will receive a special treat! We also encourage your child to use Mathletics. It would be good practice for your child to review Kindergarten skills. To give your child a head start in First Grade, we recommend having them practice their addition and subtraction facts. We have listed some fun iPad apps below, that may be beneficial this summer. We hope you have a great break and can't WAIT to meet you and your child in August!

Blessings,

The First Grade Team

Reading/Language Arts Apps:

- Teach Me Kindergarten and Teach Me First Grade
- RazKids
- Super Why!
- Sight Word Ninja
- Monkey Word School

Math Apps:

- Mathletics
- Meerkat Math (great fact practice and FREE!)
- Splash Math Grade 1



*Mathletics and RazKids are used throughout the first grade school year! They review many important concepts as well as move at a rate specific to your student. Log-in information can be found in the end of the school year packet.

Keep on Learning!

Looking for more ideas to help your child at home this summer? Below are some suggestions for incorporating learning fun throughout your days.

- READ, READ, READ!! Your child should be reading for 20 minutes a day— AT LEAST! See the attached list for book suggestions, and don't forget to utilize the public library as a resource!
- Practice sight words! Students should be proficient with the first 100 sight words before the beginning of First Grade.
- Practice math facts! Building fluency with addition and subtraction facts will give your child the foundation they need to be successful with later, more challenging math concepts. Give them a head start by making some flash cards and practicing!
- Build in opportunities for writing over the summer. It would be fantastic if your child kept a summer journal to write about different experiences. If you go on vacation, a trip to the beach, zoo, etc. ... write about it! Also, think of other opportunities for writing. If your child wants something (or wants to DO something!), have them write you a short paragraph or a few sentences, explaining why they should be allowed. Encourage them (help them) to write a letter to a friend, grandparent, or teacher!
- Work in practice with telling time and using money in your daily interactions. If you are picking out a watch for your child, consider getting an analog (not digital) watch and helping them to use it. When you are out shopping, discuss the cost of items and what coins they would use to purchase something.
- Help your child develop his/her organizational skills. Consider doing a fun summer project together, like cleaning out or organizing your child's closet. Make sure your child has chores and responsibilities at home. First graders can make sure their clothes are folded (sort of!) and put away in drawers, help to set/ clean the dinner table, put away their toys, etc.

Summer Reading Challenge

Suggested books for Kindergarten going to First Grade

Title	Author's Last Name
Elephant and Piggy series	Willems
Fly Guy series	Arnold
Pete the Cat series	Litwin
Biscuit series	Capucilli
Splat the Cat series	Scotton
Goose and Bear series	Bloom
Ollie series	Dunrea
David series	Shannon
Clifford series	Bridwell
Dr. Seuss books	Seuss
Oh, No!	Fleming
It's a Tiger!	LaRochelle
Wolf Won't Bite!	Gravett
Frog and Fly	Mack
The Bear in the Book	Banks
Yoko Learns to Read	Wells
Blue Sky	Wood

Summer Reading Bingo

Stay smart all summer!



<p>Read a book with blue (like the summer sky) on cover</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book barefoot</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book to a real of stuffed animal</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book with yellow (like the sun) on cover</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book with a dog or cat in it</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>
<p>Read a book in the shade</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a non-fiction (true) book</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book about friends</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book in your pajamas</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book outside</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>
<p>Read a book to someone else</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book in the morning</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Free Choice</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book under a piece of furniture</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book in your bed</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>
<p>Read in a funny voice</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book on a Friday</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a fiction (not true) book</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book to someone in your family</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book while it is raining</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>
<p>Read your favorite book</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read while eating a snack</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book with an animal in it</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book twice</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>	<p>Read a book on a Monday</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Initials: _____</p>





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GRADE 1
SUPPLY LIST
2017 - 2018

Please do not label (These items will be handed out as needed.)

- 24 plain yellow **SHARPENED** #2 pencils
- 2 pink erasers (plain pink rectangular type)
- 8 glue sticks (regular size; not large)
- 1 pack of dry erase black markers
- Girls - 1 box (12 count) of soft pencils Dixon Ticonderoga #2 HB (ART)
- Boys – 1 box (24 count) of Crayola crayons; not twistables (ART)

Please label the items listed below with your child's name.

- 1 large zippered pencil pouch (no cardboard or plastic pencil boxes)
- 1 TOTE BAG in lieu of a backpack (reusable grocery store type bags are acceptable). Backpacks will not fit in cubbies.
- 4 boxes of 24 count crayons (please no twistables)
- 2 plain plastic pocket folders (no prongs inside) - 1 green folder and 1 red folder
- 1 pair of round tipped scissors
- 4 black marbled wide ruled composition books
- 1 pair of earbuds (to use with iPads)

Classroom Supplies: (Do not label)

- Girls - 1 box of quart or sandwich sized Ziploc bags
 - 1 container of wipes
 - 1 roll paper towels
- Boys - 1 box of gallon sized Ziploc bags
 - 1 container of wipes
 - 1 box of tissues