

Dear Parents,

This letter contains information about preparing your child for first grade this September.

This upcoming year is a remarkable milestone, as your child will begin their journey as a new reader! To support this important transition, I want to provide some summer activities that can help your child get ready.

Reading Readiness:

- Read together frequently
- Practice writing simple sound-spelled words
- Practice sight words
- Write letters of the alphabet

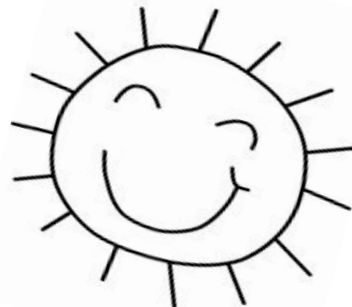
Math Preparation:

- Practice math facts
- Use Reflex math program three times per week for 15 minutes
- Complete math activities from the summer calendar

Motivation Tip: If your child completes 50 activities from the summer calendar, they can bring it back to Mrs. Hyman in September and receive a special prize!

These activities are designed to be fun and educational. We look forward to working with you and your child this fall and supporting their learning journey.

Warmly,
First Grade Teachers



Reading Activities:

Musical Sight Words: Write sight words on index cards and scatter on the floor. Play music. Child will walk around, stepping on the sight words. Stop music. Child reads sight word he/she is standing on.

Sight Word Race: 2 or more children look through book or other materials and find as many sight words as possible in 2 minutes. If just one child is playing, play game 2-3 times and see if player can find more words than previously.

Hidden Sight Words: Write sight words on index cards. Hide around the house or outside. Child will find cards and read the words as cards are found.

Decodable Books: For beginning readers, decodable books are better than leveled books because the emphasis is placed on sounding out words. Leveled readers focus on sight words. The websites below, have free decodable books (these are not official school resources):

- <https://justrightreader.com/>
- <https://pencilstopigtails.com/decodable-books/>

Math Activities:

Addition Matching Game: Index cards needed (or paper that you can't see through). One an index card write an addition equation. On another index card, write the answer. Do this for 10 problems and 10 answers. Place equations on one side and answers on the other. Play a matching game by matching the equation with the answer.

Subtraction Matching Game: Index cards needed (or paper that you can't see through). One an index card write a subtraction equation. On another index card, write the answer. Do this for 10 problems and 10 answers. Place equations on one side and answers on the other. Play a matching game by matching the equation with the answer.

Snowball Battle: Crumple 10 pieces of paper or use balled up socks. Give each person 5 snowballs. Each person will throw snowballs into their own large bowl. How many landed in each bowl? Add the number from each bowl to determine the total number. OPTIONAL: Play 10 rounds. Use tally marks to indicate who won each round. When done compare the numbers to see who won the most rounds.

July Reading and Math Activities

<p>Dice Math Roll 2 dice and add together. Write equation and answer.</p>	<p>Write a sentence that uses the word “on”. Write a sentence that uses the word “dog”. Write a sentence that uses the word “hot”..</p>	<p>Read a decodable book to at least 3 people.</p>	<p>Have an adult write CVC,CCVC and CVCC words on an index card (i.e., cat, dog, flag, tent). Read and illustrate the word.</p>	<p>Ask an adult to place 10 items on a tray. Study the tray for 10 seconds. Remove items from sight. Recall as many items as possible.</p>	<p>Go see a movie. Write and illustrate your favorite part.</p>	<p>Musical sight words (See instructions)</p>
<p>Write a sentence that uses the word “up”. Write a sentence that uses the word “hug”. Write a sentence that uses the word “sun”.</p>	<p>Talk a walk around your neighborhood. Pick letters from license plates and name a word that begins with that letter.</p>	<p>Attend SRS STEM camp with Mrs. Hyman and Mrs. Manarchuk</p>	<p>Sight word Race (See instructions under “Reading Activities”)</p>	<p>Tell one adding and one subtracting story. Fill out the math story paper.</p>	<p>Treat yourself to a “no device” day. No tablet, phone, video games, TV.</p>	<p>Hold the door open for a stranger.</p>
<p>Hidden sight words (see instructions)</p>	<p>Help sort laundry. Sort by characteristics an adult provides.</p>	<p>Write about what you like to do or what you did on the Fourth of July. Use attached paper.</p>	<p>Go to the library and check out a genre that you’ve never read before.</p>	<p>Create a piece of art with items around your house.</p>	<p>Walk a nature trail. Bring a magnifying glass to investigate under logs</p>	<p>Do you like summer or winter better? Why? Use attached paper.</p>
<p>Addition Matching Game: see directions</p>	<p>Complete the “Outside Time” writing task. Use attached paper.</p>	<p>Sight word flashcards</p>	<p>Write a sentence that uses the word “it”. Write a sentence that uses the word “mix”. Write a sentence that uses the word “pig”.</p>	<p>Play math equation hopscotch.</p>	<p>Look around your house for patterns (AB, ABB, ABC, AAB, ABB, AABB)</p>	<p>Visit a local museum.</p>
<p>Go to the library and check out a genre that you’ve never read before.</p>	<p>Give 2 people a compliment.</p>	<p>Learn to tie your shoes and practice.</p>	<p>Write about anything (use attached paper: Write About It!)</p>	<p>Have a snowball battle (see instructions)</p>	<p>Visit Wild Wings in Mendon Ponds Park.</p>	<p>Subtraction Matching Game: See instructions</p>

August Reading and Math Activities

Musical sight words (see instructions)	Dice Math Roll 2 dice and add together. Write equation and answer.	Go to the library and check out a genre that you've never read before.	Write a sentence that uses the word "can". Write a sentence that uses the word "bag". Write a sentence that uses the word "map".	Learn to tie your shoes and practice.	Ask someone to read you a nonfiction book that you haven't read before. State 3 things you learned.	Write about what you know about first grade. Use the attached paper.
See how many ways you can sort a deck of cards.	Write about what you like to do in the summer. Use attached paper.	Sight Word Race (see instructions)	Practice writing letters using proper path of motion.	Build a fort. Write plans first. What will you need? How will you build it?	Write a sentence that uses the word "me". Write a sentence that uses the word "get". Write a sentence that uses the word "red".	Addition Matching Game: See instructions
Make a bird feeder and hang it outside. Write a sentence and draw a picture of a bird that uses it.	Cook with an adult.	Practice writing letters using proper path of motion.	Ask someone to read you a fairy tale.	Play CVC, CCVC, CVCC word hopscotch	Build something with blocks, Legos, or other toys you can build with. Tell a story about what you built.	Hidden sight words (see instructions)
Sight word flashcards	Write a grocery list for mom or dad.	Do you like summer or winter better? Write your answer and reason. Use attached paper.	Write CVC words in shaving cream.	Play sight word hopscotch.	While in the car ask an adult to give you addition and subtraction problems to solve.	Practice writing letters using proper path of motion.
Ask an adult to place 10 items on a tray. Study the tray for 10 seconds. Remove items from sight. Recall as many items as possible.	Take a walk around your neighborhood. Find and name as many shapes as possible.	Subtraction matching game (see instructions)	Read a decodable book to at least 3 people.	Do something artistic: paint, color, draw,	Visit a zoo. Tell someone what your favorite part was and why.	Practice counting various arrangements of dimes, nickels, pennies.