



Dear Future First Grade Families,

Research has shown that children who read and work on skills during the summer come back ready to succeed in first grade. They do not need as much review once the new school year begins! Here are some things to help your child get ready for the upcoming school year.

Skills your child needs to know:	How to practice these skills:
Write & spell first and last name	
Identify and write all capital and lowercase letters & know their sounds	Play games, e.g., Go Fish, Memory, Form letters in sand or shaving cream and use letter flash cards
Read between 50 - 100 sight words	Remember sight words have irregular spelling patterns and cannot always be "sounded out". Students need to recognize them by sight.
Recognize and write numbers 30 or more	Play cards and Guess the Number. Look for numbers at the store or on signs. Have student count groups of fun items, and match # cards to the groups.
Addition and subtraction	Use examples in daily life to relate to addition and subtraction. Practice with real objects, e.g., cookies, Legos, coins, shells.
Write 4+ sentences independently	Practicing speaking in complete sentences. Have your child say the sentence out loud to you first, then write it down as you give support . Keep a journal over the summer.
Tying your shoes/Taking on & off your jacket	Build independence and responsibility by having your child practice life skills. Students should be able to clean up after themselves and take care of their own basic needs.
Responsibility - completing chores, cleaning after oneself, etc.	
READ EVERY DAY!!	Spark a love for reading with your child. Find engaging, high interest books to read to or with your child. Get in the habit of reading a bedtime story. Depending on your child's level, have them read basic readers to you.