

Happy summer to our Rising First Graders! We are so excited to have your children in our classes next year. Given the current pandemic, we are not requiring any summer work for our rising first graders. However, we are **suggesting** that you keep a routine of continuing to learn and we have recommended ways you can do that below. We know that children come to first grade on **multiple levels** in regards to reading, writing, and math-that's okay! We want learning to read, write, and learn math to be an enjoyable experience. The best thing you can do this summer to prepare your child for school is to read TO and WITH your child every day in addition to practicing math facts.

We have several suggestions to prevent "summer slide" from happening. **One of the easiest ways would be to work through the Summer Bridge K-1 workbook.**

You can find that here: https://www.amazon.com/Summer-Bridge-Activities%C2%AE-Grades-Activities/dp/1483815803/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?crid=1OPHFZM53JK6D&dchild=1&keywords=summer+bridge+activities+k-1&qid=1590511959&srefix=summer+brid%2Caps%2C163&sr=8-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUFZVVJLT0pZWExGUEUmZW5jcnlwdGVkSWQ9QTA1MTU1MDAyRTITUUpNMFU0RVdLJmVuY3J5cHRIZEFkSWQ9QTA0MTQ2NzMyMUUpRNIhTQ1NHVWQ5JndpZGdldE5hbWU9c3BfYXRmJmFjdGlvbj1jbGlia1JlZGlyZWNOJmRvTm90TG9nQ2xpY2s9dHJlZQ==

***We HIGHLY suggest purchasing this or a workbook that is similar.**

Here are a few books that are great for upcoming First Grade!

Series to Read:

Biscuit
BOB Books
Pete the Cat
Alphabet Books
Rhyming Books
Little Critter
Mittens
Dick and Jane
Fly Guy
Henry and Mudge
Franklin
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You
Llama, Llama series
Acorn books (includes several series)

Authors to Read:

Dr. Seuss
Mo Willems
David Shannon
Eric Carle
Sandra Boynton
Laura Numeroff
Jan Brett

For math, we recommend your child play board games, work on addition and subtraction facts with flashcards, and "math talk" with your child about the

calendar/date, and money/coins using everyday experiences. You can also click on this link for some other math game ideas:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/first-grade-math-games/>

We know that many kids love to play games online and on their devices. Technology can be a wonderful learning tool that's fun, too! This is a list of some great educational websites and apps:

1. **Speed Reading Academy** – is a fun, educational app that helps young readers build their fluency and stamina. This interactive app is designed to help students increase their reading speed while playing along with the game.
2. **EPIC** is a subscription-based e-book library that's just \$4.99 per month, and it's filled with more than 20,000 e-books! This program has been free lately due to distance learning.
3. **Reading Rainbow's SKYBRARY** is a carefully curated, ever expanding interactive library of digital books and video explorations designed to engage young readers and foster a love of learning.
4. For great nonfiction reading practice, the **Time for Kids** app can't be beat. It brings current events to life for children.
5. **Starfall** is perfect for younger students. This was originally just a website, but it is being transitioned into an app. **Starfall** is a wonderful website with many great learning materials for kids in PreK to Grade 2. Keep an eye on this app as it continues to expand!
6. **Sight Words** Learning Games and Reading Flash Cards provides ample opportunities to learn all 220 Dolch words through a series of six games and activities.
7. For emerging readers, **BOB Books** have always been a favorite. Now they're an app!! They take children on an interactive journey that blends learning, reading, and fun.

8. Another fun sight word app is **Sight Word Ninja**. If you've ever played Fruit Ninja, you know how addictive it is. In this game, the fruit is replaced with sight words! How fun does that sound?
9. **Teach Your Monster to Read** is one of my favorites! Teach Your Monster to Read is an award-winning phonics and reading game that's helped over a million children learn to read.
10. The **Dr. Seuss Treasury** includes 55 Dr. Seuss classics which have been adapted into delightful interactive experiences.

In this packet you will also find a list of sight words. The first is the pre-primer list (Pre-K), the second is the primer (Kindergarten), and then the first grade list. These are to help your child review only. They are NOT expected to know the first grade list when school starts in August, but if your child masters the first two lists, it would be helpful to move on to the next ☺ We suggest pulling out the lists every so often just to familiarize your child with these words. If your child knows how to spell some of the words on the list, that is just an added bonus.

Have a fantastic summer! We can't wait to see you all (hopefully) in August!

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SIGHT WORD LISTS

Pre-primer	Primer		Grade One
a	all	under	after
and	am	want	again
away	are	was	an
big	at	well	any
blue	ate	went	ask
can	be	what	as
come	black	white	by
down	brown	who	could
find	but	will	every
for	came	with	fly
funny	did	yes	from
go	do		give
help	eat		going
here	four		had
I	get		has
in	good		her
is	have		him
it	he		his
jump	into		how
little	like		just
look	must		know
make	new		let
me	no		live
my	now		may
not	on		of
one	our		old
play	out		once
red	please		open
run	pretty		over
said	ran		put
see	ride		round
the	saw		some

three to two up we where yellow you	say she so soon that there they this too	stop take thank them then think walk were when
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