



Entering Grade 1- Summer Reading

Welcome to summer! Summer is a time of relaxation and rejuvenation! What better way to do this than with a book! My mother always told me that I would never be lonely if I always had a good book by my side! One of the best things you can do for your growing child is to read to them and listen to them read to you! They look to you to be their example. If you are seen enjoying a book; they will want to emulate you!

Guidelines to help your child become a better reader (taken from Reading Rockets):

Make reading a part of your child's world. **Read EVERY day!** You can share reading by taking turns or for the younger readers, having them point out sight words in the story.

When reading with your child, help build your child's comprehension skills by asking questions about what they have read. For example, you could ask them who, what, when, where questions and to share predictions of what will happen next. Have them retell their favorite part, making sure they include details and encourage them to use character's names.

Encourage your child to reread his or her favorite books, stories, or poems. Rereading will help your child read more quickly and accurately, which will give them added confidence when reading.

Help your child when she/he needs it. If they make a mistake, but are close, quickly repeat the word correctly and let them continue without interrupting the flow. If they guess or are very off on a word, help them get the right meaning from the context of the sentence. Answer questions about the meaning of words, but don't drill them on vocabulary words as you read. Praise him/her. Learning to read smoothly is hard work and might frustrate emergent readers at times. Encourage them by praising their efforts, paying attention when they want to read, and making your reading time together fun!



I enjoyed watching the children get excited about learning to read. Enclosed please find a reading log to record the books your child reads this summer! Your child will grow by leaps and bounds in First Grade! Their reading skills will grow tenfold! Have fun in First Grade and don't forget your Kindergarten teacher!

Love and a hug,
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