



Entering Grades 1- Summer Reading

We all welcome summer and all the fun activities there are. In your daily adventures please always pack a good book or two to read. Pack one for yourself too. Children learn by example! There's always time in the day for a good book!

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've 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 she makes a mistake but is close, quickly repeat the word correctly and let her continue without interrupting the flow. If she guesses or is very off on a word, help her get the right meaning from the context of the sentence. Answer questions about the meaning of words, but don't drill her on vocabulary words as you read.

Praise him/her. Learning to read smoothly is hard work and might frustrate emergent readers at times. Encourage her by praising her efforts, paying attention when she wants to read, and making your reading time together fun!

Teach by example! Read your book while they are reading. This is invaluable!

I am excited for my new group of duckies! Have a wonderful summer!

Peace,

Mrs. Jeanne Vitetta :)

Assignment:

Keep a summer reading log with your child to encourage them to read and they will be able to see all the fruits of their labor. Choose milestones such as the number of books/chapters/pages read and celebrate with a trip to the ice cream shop, or a special outing. Here is a link to some book titles:

<https://www.scholastic.com/readingcampaign/downloads/src-book-list-all-ages.pdf>

Please have your child TURN IN THE COMPLETED LOG on the first week of school for a special treat!



Entering Grade 1 - Summer Math

The reason for practicing math over the summer is to keep your child's mind active and the skills he or she has learned during the year sharpened to allow for an easy transition from their summer activities, back to school!

There are so many ways to practice. There are many websites that are free or charge a small monthly fee. Whatever way your child likes to practice math is the way you should choose.

Websites:

<http://www.abcya.com/>

<https://www.ixl.com/>

<https://pbskids.org/>

<http://www.mathgametime.com/>

www.splashmath.com

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>

Other Ways to practice:

Fun with Facts: Math facts are key to being successful in higher-level math. When you are in the car, practice math facts. If you are stopped at a light, see how many facts you can answer before the light turns green. Keep a countdown to first grade on the calendar.

Workbooks: Many students like to work on worksheets. You can find them on the Internet or purchase books very reasonably in stores. Check the library too!

Flash Cards: Old-fashioned flash cards can be found at the dollar store and can be fun. You can make a game out of it, or even log successes on a chart.

The summer goes by so quickly. Please make sure to practice. Whatever way you choose to practice, start right away and make it a routine! Make a schedule with your child and let them help make it so they feel part of the process. Enjoy the summer and have fun!!



