

Dear Parents of incoming first graders,

The summer is a fun time for your little ones as they relax from a year of hard work in kindergarten. It should also be a time in which they prepare for first grade by reviewing the skills they will need in September. I have listed below some important skills that your child should be familiar with by the beginning of first grade:

**Reading/Writing:**

- Your child should practice letter recognition and letter sounds. They should practice blending sounds to make words, especially word families (Ex: cat, bat, mat)
- Practice sight words! Knowing their sight words will be extremely helpful when learning to read fluently in first grade. I have attached a list of sight words for them to practice.
- Read them lots of stories and ask questions as you read - reading comprehension is an important part of the first grade curriculum.
- Have your child practice their handwriting. Encourage them to make menus, signs, shopping lists - anything you can to help make them comfortable writing on their own.

**Math:**

- Your child should be able to recognize and write numbers up to 20.
- Practice addition and subtraction within 10. Addition and subtraction are the most important math skills in first grade and knowing their facts within 10 will give them a great head start.

Enjoy the summer break with your littles as they get ready for an exciting year ahead!

Sincerely,

Ms. Berry