

Summer Reading and Math

To the Parents of Incoming First Grade Students

Summer Reading We hope your child enjoys his or her summer reading opportunities. You may want to provide guidance as to which books to read, but let your child do some choosing as well. Encourage your child to read both *fiction* and *nonfiction*. While we know most of our students enjoy fiction, we also want our students to focus on nonfiction this summer, in order to help them gain skills in reading informational text.

We also advocate reading with your child. Take turns reading pages with your child. Most importantly, read aloud to your child, demonstrating fluency for your child to model. Research has proven that children who are read to are more successful students! After you have both finished the book, discuss it, asking your child questions about the main idea, characters, setting and other pertinent details.

The Bingo Board is to help your child make decisions about the genre chosen for a book. Try to get “Bingo!” by completing 2 Bingos but feel free to complete a blackout on the board!

Have your child complete a culminating project, drawing a picture about their favorite book and writing a sentence about it.

Summer Math Our summer math assignment this year is to work on IXL.

(www.ixl.com/signin/cathedral) The students have their log in information in their report cards.

The goal is that students complete 25 hours by the end of the summer. Student should strive to reach 85% mastery on the following topics *and subskills* under each topic.

Kindergarten grade review (under kindergarten grade tab)

E: Numbers and Counting Beyond G: Comparing

J: Addition to 10 L: Subtraction to 10

W: Three-dimensional shapes

Start with these topics, then complete others as needed to meet time requirements.

1st grade prep (found under 1st grade tab)

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Summer math is a tool to review, practice, and master skills. This will ensure that students are ready to begin 1st grade prepared and confident in their math abilities.

Best,

The First Grade Team