

June 2020

Dear Rising First Grade Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! We hope you will enjoy the fun days of summer. Your child made important progress in Kindergarten this year. We encourage rest and relaxation, but we would like to suggest some ways to keep their skills sharp this summer.

Your child can find pleasure in the heat of the summer by practicing reading skills. Success at any reading level depends on your child's interest and prior knowledge of a book's content. It matters simply that you encourage your child by helping him or her find books that are appealing and that you show interest in what they are reading. Read aloud to each other; ask your child to tell you about a story now and then. Let them see you lost in a good book. You'll be doing yourself and your child a favor!

We encourage you to set time aside each day for your child to practice addition facts. Flashcards are a quick and easy way to practice addition facts. There are also many apps and websites that are good for reinforcing math skills learned in Kindergarten.

Please continue to use these websites that you used during Remote Learning. Your usernames and passwords remain the same:

- [Epic](#)
- [Splashlearn](#)

Daily living offers many opportunities to reinforce important math skills. Keeping to a summer schedule requires that the family knows when to be where. Help your child grow comfortable with time by reading the clock during the day. As you are out and about, help your child gain confidence with money. Let him or her pay for small purchases, counting out necessary pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars. When driving, ask them to look for different shapes or name 5 things that start with a certain letter.

Finally, as you look for ways to entertain your child, think numbers. Your child will benefit from practice in addition and subtraction facts and in number order (What comes 1st, 3rd, or 5th? What number comes before 21? After 35? Between 17 and 19? etc.). There are many ways to make drills fun. Be creative!

We hope that you all have a wonderful and restful summer. We look forward to meeting your child in August! Enjoy the summer break!

Thank you,

Your First Grade Teachers

Math Choice Board

Select 2 math activities to play over the summer,
and bring one of those to school to share with your new classmates in August!

<p>Number Memory Match-Up Click here for directions</p>	<p>War Click here for directions</p>	<p>Counting Cups Click here for directions</p>
<p>Play the Build a Monster Game Click here for directions</p>	<p>FREE CHOICE! Create a game on your own, and share it with the class!</p>	<p>Math Treasure Hunt Click here for directions</p>
<p>Dice Tic-Tac-Toe Click here for directions</p>	<p>Number Sense Click here for directions</p>	<p>Addition Board Activity Click here for directions</p>