



Greetings First Graders and Families,

We are looking forward to working with you and your child next year. These past few days we have already been designing curriculum and planning for a fantastic 2019-2020 First Grade year. We want to encourage the love of reading over the summer. We ask that you please take the time to explore the books together and make it a part of your weekly routine.

This summer, please find natural opportunities for your child to:

- Write for authentic purposes, for example:
  - A letter to Grandma, *Thank You* notes, a journal, a vacation scrapbook or an e-mail
- Retell a story that he/she read or heard
  - Ask about characters, setting, problem, solution, and opinions
- Make personal connections to the stories read
- Play with money and coins
  - Identify coins by name and value
- Explore different ways to count and apply numbers in everyday life
  - Practice skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s
- Notice the time, clocks, and the language of telling time
- Make connections with different adventures experienced over the summer

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you quite soon!

Feel free to contact either of us via email if you have any questions regarding summer reading or about the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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