Spartanburg
DAY SCHOOL

The more you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Dear Rising First Grade Families,

We are so excited about next year! In our opinion, first grade is the BEST year of all. As we know, children lose a great deal of learning over the summer. It is important to balance a bit of academic work with movement, play, and just plain FUN in the summer. Keeping this in mind, we would like to offer a couple of suggestions.

1) The public library is your best friend. They have a wonderful summer reading program. This is a fabulous opportunity for your child to get his/her very own library card! The book selection is incredible and the program is free!
2) Have your child keep a reading log of the books he/she reads over the summer. They have a separate sheet for each month. They should record their five favorites for each month on the back of the page. Also, have them choose <u>one</u> activity from the board to complete that represents the book they read from the choice board below (attached). The requirement is for them to do <u>one</u> activity from the board with at least <u>one</u> book they have read, but they are welcome to do more of the activities if they so choose!
3) Just as helping prevent the *summer slide* is important for academic learning over the summer, movement and play are important, too! We encourage you to have students choose activities that will foster brain development in a multitude of ways! Take a look at the brain development choice board and challenge your child to do as many activities over the summer as they can! These are just ideas- not a requirement!
4) Use your imagination, be creative, and talk together! We hope you have a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to a fun filled year with your child!

Best regards,

First Grade Team
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Reading Response Choice Board

Video It! Have an adult video record you making a commercial to persuade the class to read your favorite book that you have read this summer! (Have your parents share it electronically with your teacher.)	**Build It!** Make a mobile that shows the main characters and the setting of your favorite story!
Make a Comic: **https://www.makebeliefscomix.com/** With an adult, use make belief comix to create a comic that tells us the best part of your favorite book that you have read this summer! Or, draw one of your own!	**Draw It!** Design a new book cover for the book you read! Be prepared to share it along with your favorite part of the book with your class.
Design it! Make a diorama to show your favorite part of the story. https://feltmagnet.com/crafts/shoebox-diorama	**Create it!** Use your imagination! Come up with a way to share your favorite story with us!

Brain Development Choice Board

Go to a local playground!	**Kids Yoga!** https://www.gonoodle.com/	**Make Slime!** http://www.elmers.com/slime
Slip and Slide Relay Race Set up a slip and slide and use a timer to time kids as they race down the slide. Children can sit on their bottom, lay on their belly, or slide on their back for variations in positioning.	**Do Some Chores!** • Vacuuming • Mopping • Sweeping • Dusting • Making your bed • Folding clothes • Mowing grass	**Make Homemade Cookies!**
Have a Backyard Dance Party!	**Rock Climbing!** https://www.climbupstate.com/	**Make a necklace or a bracelet!**
Play Gross Motor Bingo! https://www.pinterest.com/pin/957719295533006 75/	**Go to the Trampoline Park!** http://www.bigairusa.com/spartanburg/ **Go to Pump It Up!** http://www.kidspartycenterspartanburg.com	**Shaving Cream Fun!** • Spread out shaving cream on a surface and write words or numbers
Fun Activities • Swinging • Running • Skipping • Riding on trikes/bikes • Jumping/bouncing on trampolines, beds, balls	**More Fun Activities** • Have a pillow fight! • Build a fort! • Play tug of war! • Dig in the garden or sandbox- or at the beach!	**Science Crystal Names** https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/kids-science-crystal-names/
Water Cycle in a Bag https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/water-cycle-bag/	**Make Toothpaste!** https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/minty-reindeer-toothpaste/	**Ice Fishing!** https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/sticky-ice-science-exp/

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JUNE READING CHALLENGE

Color one picture for every book you read this month.

Record some of your favorite books here!

Title	Author

name _____

JULY READING CHALLENGE

Color one picture for every book you read this month.

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Record some of your favorite books here!

Title	Author

Name _____ See how many you can complete!

SUMMER READING

WHO • WHAT • WHERE WHEN • HOW

WHO?	WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?	HOW?
Read to someone who is younger than you.	Read a book that a friend recommends.	Read at the park.	Read while standing in line.	Read in the dark with a flashlight.
Read to a relative over the phone.	Read an old favorite!	Read in the bathtub.	Read while driving in the car.	Read aloud with an accent.
Read to a pet or a stuffed animal.	Read something that is non-fiction.	Read by a pond, lake, river, or ocean.	Read early in the morning.	Read wearing sunglasses.
Read to a friend or a sibling.	Read something out of your comfort zone.	Read under the stars.	Read while on a day trip or a vacation.	Read aloud in a silly voice.
Read to someone who is older than you.	Read from a magazine or a newspaper.	Read in another town, city, state, or country.	Read while having a picnic.	Read wearing your bathing suit.

August Challenge

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Record some of your favorite books here!

Title	Author