

Welcome to **First Grade!**

To start our year off right, it is important that your child continues to read and do math this summer. We begin 1st grade with a brief review, but then we are off and running! The more prepared your child is, the better!

It is vitally important that your child spends time every day reading and/or being read to. Reading to your child is one of the most important things you can do to increase vocabulary, comprehension, attention, and focus. Many children at this age are not reading independently. If your child is not, that is ok! **Read to them every day.** If your child is a stronger reader, great! Keep having them read, but **also read to them daily** 😊. I am including a list authors and books for reading ideas. Some will be at your child's level, but the majority are for reading to your child. **I highly recommend weekly library trips to find lots of new books and build a love of reading.** Your librarian will be able to guide you to some amazing books.

I am sending home a **Summer Reading Bingo Game** to help your child keep track of his/her reading. They may color in a square as it is completed. Please remember that you reading to them to complete a box is great! There is also an assignment in the center of the board. Send that and the completed board back to school in the fall for a prize.

For math practice, play games and count and cook. Have your child do puzzles and make patterns. Board games like Chutes and Ladders and Candy Land are wonderful ways to build math skills. Cards games such as Go Fish or Old Maid also provide practice not only with math, but also with social skills. Encourage your child build with legos and blocks. **Most of all, limit screen time.** Children this age should not spend much, if any, time in front of a screen. It hinders their development in many ways.

I am also sending home a Supply List for 1st Grade. Please bring these items to the Elementary Open House in the fall.

When you read to your child daily and provide plenty of math opportunities for them, you are giving them the tools they need to succeed in school and in life 😊. Have a fun summer!

First Grade School Supply List 2024

*Please bring these to Open House Label everything with your child's name.
Students will be provided with a plastic supply box for their desk.

Wish List Items 😊

These items are used frequently in our classroom. If you would like to send any of the following items in, it would be much appreciated!! Thank you!!!!

gallon ziploc bags

white card stock



baby wipes






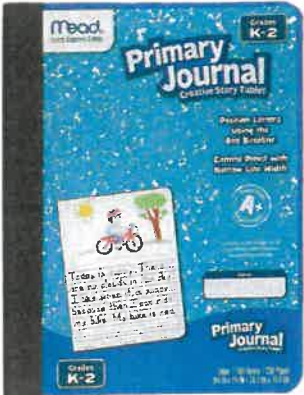
thick expo markers

disinfecting wipes

band-aids

thin expo markers

2 liter hand sanitizer, with table top pump

Quantity	Supply
24	#2 pencils, pre-sharpened if possible (Ticonderoga is recommended)
2	hand-held erasers 
1	hand-held pencil sharpener
1 pair	blunt-tip scissors
1 pack	crayons, 16 or 24 (Crayola)
1 pack	thin washable markers
1 pack	thick washable markers
1	highlighter
1 pack	Crayola colored pencils, 12 or 24
8-12	glue sticks 
1	12-inch ruler with inches and centimeters , flat
1 bottle	white school glue 
1	Crayola watercolors, 16 color set
1	1 inch Clear View D-ring binder (no O rings, please)
8	dividers for binder, with <u>write on tabs</u>
1	primary lined journal (at Staples & Walmart, also on Amazon) 
2	black Sharpie permanent markers
2 packs	3x5 index cards, white
1	plastic two-pocket folders (w/ NO fasteners)
3-4	boxes of tissues (to share with the class)
1 pack	thin Expo brand dry erase markers
1 pack	thick Expo brand dry erase markers
1	over the ear headphones for listening station, computer, and noise cancelling
1	large t-shirt to be used during art (big enough to be worn over other clothing)

Summer Reading

Name _____

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Here is your child's Summer Reading Assignment!

Students should try to read as many of these books themselves as possible, but someone may read to them if necessary to complete a box. Attached is a list of suggested authors and titles first graders enjoy.

The One Breath Boxes (attached) are made up of sight words that incoming 1st graders are expected to know. Practice those often this summer!

Each student should complete the entire board and bring it to school on the first day, along with their drawing from the center box.

Read a book by Mo Willems	Read a book to a stuffed animal	Read your One Breath Boxes	Play a board game with your family	Read a BOOK OUTSIDE
Read your One Breath Boxes	Read a book in your pajamas	Count 100 pennies	Read a FUNNY BOOK	practice tying your shoes
Read a BOOK UNDER a TREE	Read a Froggy book by Jonathan London	Pick any book you have read. Draw your favorite part and write a sentence about it. Be sure to include the title of your book.	Read a book from the library	Read a Dr. Seuss book
Count 100 pennies	Read your One Breath Boxes	Read a book by Eric Carle	Read one of your favorite books	Read to a pet or stuffed animal
Read a book from the library	Read a book about an animal	practice tying your shoes	Read your One Breath Boxes	Play a board game with your family

One Breath Boxes

Take one deep breath and try to read all the words in a box without stopping. Start with the shortest box and work your way up to the longest!

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First grade readers have varied interests and abilities. Below is a list of authors along with some chapter book suggestions that might peak your child's interest over the summer. Feel free to explore the library or bookstore to find additional authors and books that your child might enjoy. Most importantly, make reading fun!!

Suggested 1st Grade Reading Resources

Authors:

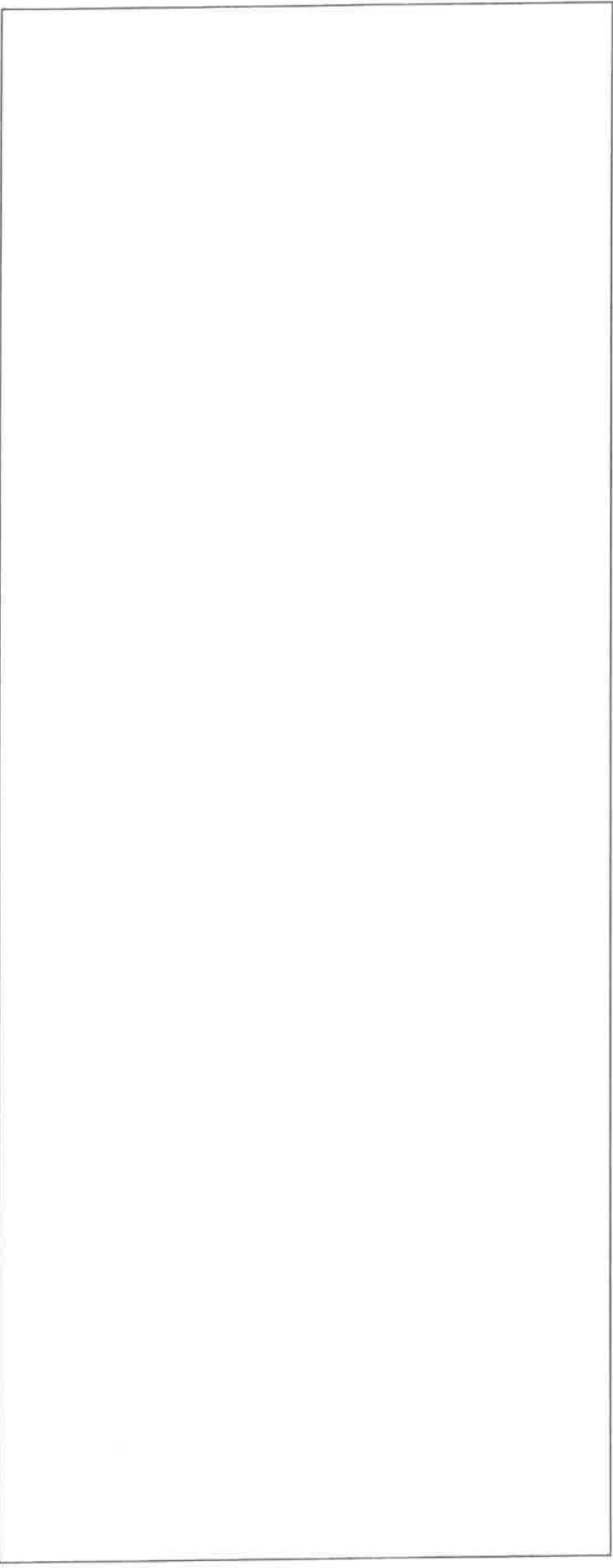
- *Eric Carle
- *Dr. Seuss
- *Kevin Henkes
- *Marc Brown
- *Laura Numeroff
- *Lois Ehlert
- *Gail Gibbons
- *Mo Willems
- *Eric Litwin
- *Arnold Lobel

Books:

- *Ready-to-Read Books (such as Henry and Mudge)
 - *Bob Books Sets by Bobby Lynn Maslen
 - *Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems
 - *I Can Read! (such as the Biscuit books)
- *Mr. Putter and Tabby series by Cynthia Rylant
 - *Cam Jansen by David Adler
- *Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
 - *Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park
 - *Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline

Name _____ Book Title _____

Center Box Assignment: Pick any book you read (or had read to you) this summer. Below, draw a picture of your favorite part and write a sentence telling about it and why you liked it.



Four sets of handwriting lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, for writing a sentence.