

Dear Rising 2nd Graders!

We are SO proud of the students' growth during first grade! Many parents ask what their children can do over the summer to retain the skills learned throughout the year. Below, we have offered suggestions. If you would like a more structured form of summer learning, we have included information on Summer Skills books (by TRI-C Publications).

We hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Reading:

The BEST thing that your child can do is read (or be read to by you). Practice with any type of reading builds fluency.

Mrs. Beth hosted "Marvelous Mondays" in the Olson Library last summer. Be on the lookout for an emails about when and how she will open the library this summer. This information will also be on social media.

The following links contain lists of books according to reading level and/or interest.

<https://imaginationsoup.net/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>

<http://www.whatdowedoallday.com/books-for-kids> (This website also has wonderful strategy games!)

The Read Works website has organized summer reading materials by grade level. Your child may be able to read and complete activities in two or three levels. The difficulty of the materials even vary within each grade level. Use the link below to find a variety of reading materials (fiction, nonfiction, and poetry) and comprehension activities.

<https://www.readworks.org/summer-reading>

This website also has a digital option for reading and answering comprehension questions.

Math:

Practicing addition and subtraction will help your child retain the facts he/she has learned this year. If your child has difficulty remembering math facts, encourage him/her to practice double plus one, doubles plus two, doubles minus one, doubles minus two, making 10 and adding on, and friends of ten strategies. Practice can be as simple as making flashcards on index cards. Listed below are some websites for math practice.

Websites for Math Practice:

gregtangmath.com (There is a “Summer Challenge” game on this website.)

This website includes online games and resources to print for practicing skills. Listed below, you will find games on gregtangmath.com that encourage practicing math facts using a variety of strategies and levels.

“Break Apart” and “Ten Frame Mania” - two games that we use to practice math facts.

“Funny Numbers” - two digit addition with a new way to “regroup”

“Standard Algorithms” - two digit addition with traditional “regrouping”

First in Math - Your child’s login will be good until July 31st.

Cool Math Games <https://www.coolmathgames.com/>

Fun Brain <https://www.funbrain.com/>

Math Playground <https://www.mathplayground.com/>

Math Aids- On this website, you can create and print math worksheets based on a variety of skills and levels. <https://www.math-aids.com/>

Math Salamanders - printable math games and worksheets <https://www.math-salamanders.com/>

Calculation Nation - You can create a free account on this website to play the games. <http://calculationnation.nctm.org/>

Websites for Reading and Math Practice:

Toy Theater <https://toytheater.com/>

Cookie Learning Games <http://www.cookie.com/>

Arcademics <https://www.arcademics.com/>

ABCya <https://www.abcya.com/>

Summer Skills books (by TRI-C Publications)

Website - <https://www.summerskills.com/>

After reviewing some of these materials online, it looks as if the 1st grade Summer Language Arts Review and Summer Math Skills Sharpener books would review skills that were covered this year. The 2nd grade (and above) Language Arts/Reading and Math books offer more challenging materials for your child.

If you are interested in ordering this for your child, we would advise you to review the materials online. The website provides the various grade levels’ curricula and sample pages from each book. These samples would help you decide the level from which your child would benefit the most.

Thank you!