



## Summer Activity List for Students Entering First Grade

### Fine motor and self-care tasks

- Learn to tie shoes, zip, button, and tie
- Do Dot-to-Dots of 50 or more
- Practice upper and lowercase handwriting

### Reading and Writing

- Keep a journal or send postcards when on a trip
- Write notes or cards to friends and family
- Write your own simple story with your child as the star! Have a simple sentence on each page and have your child draw a picture to match each sentence.  
Example: What Olivia Likes.... Olivia likes dogs. She likes ice cream.
- Listen to books on CD or online sites such as Vooks, Epic, or Storyline Online
- Visit the library weekly
- Read and reread favorite picture books, stories, and poetry. Have your child draw a picture of his/her favorite part or character.
- Have your child read to you, and give him/her support with the text. Remember, many books may not be on your child's independent reading level.

### Book series to try:

- Bob Books; Sight word readers from Scholastic Book Club; the "I Can Read" books
- Elephant and Piggie Series by Mo Willems (any books from the series)

### Book suggestions:

- *Henry and Mudge - The First Book* by Cynthia Rylant
  - *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* by Betty MacDonal
  - *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together* by MaryAnne Hoberman
- (These books are intended to be read aloud to your child or read together with your child.)

### Math

- Count by 5's and 10's to 100
- Count small amounts of change to 30 cents, at least
- Practice telling time to the hour and half hour
- Work on Number Bonds to 10 with bracelets, manipulatives, word problems and mental math
- Work in math/language/maze/puzzle workbooks (available at Target, Walmart, Lakeshore)