

1st Grade Academy – Summer Activities

Welcome to the Mather Heights Academy! I look forward to a fun and productive year, and here are things you can do over the summer to help get them ready for next year.

- Please complete the **parent / student survey** and return it with your student on the first day of class.
- Listen to this song until your children know it by heart! KidsTV123 Phonics Song 2 (new version) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffeZXPtTGC4> (If your child is a fluent reader, you may skip this.)
- Here's another good song on numbers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0dJWfQHF8Y>
- Join the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge at <https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>
- **SPLASH MATH 1ST – GREAT website! START in 1st grade level to build a strong foundation. This will only work through the end of June. Will send you a login through email.**
- Students from Folsom Cordova K classes – your student's Lexia Core 5 and iReady access goes through summer! (It usually works until mid/late July.)
- Have them keep a journal where they draw and write about special things they do this summer.
- Visit websites with activities for summer learning. There are many good ones. Consider:
 - For more advanced work, check out
 - www.softschools.com/math/games/
 - www.sumdog.com
 - Please let me know if you have any other favorites!
- Get outside and PLAY! (Safely, of course)
- Visit the library regularly to check out books appropriate for your child.
 - Get some books beyond their reading levels that you can read TO them.
 - Get some books at their reading level for them to practice or read WITH you.
- Build with Legos, blocks, cubes, etc. Free building and using symmetry are both beneficial!
- **PUZZLES!!** Picture puzzles are a great way to engage a child's mind and help them develop pattern awareness and problem solving.
- Practice counting by 10's and 5's – starting with ANY double digit number. For example, start at:
 - **13** counting up by 10: 13, 23, 33, 43, 53, 63...
 - **78** counting down by 10: 78, 68, 58, 48, 38, 28...
 - **26** counting up by 5: 26, 31, 36, 41, 46, 51...
 - **78** counting down by 5: 78, 73, 68, 63, 58, 53...
- Visit local parks, museums, and special events! Hopefully things will open up this summer.
 - Cordova Parks and Rec <http://www.crpdc.com/>
 - Sacramento Parks and Rec <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/parksandrecreation/>

Have a great summer!

-Mr. Kotko


Academy for Advanced Learning: Parent/Student Survey

Student _____ School _____ Date ___/___/___

Please respond to the following and return to your teacher.

For Student Response

Check boxes that apply.

<p>How do you like to demonstrate what you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> writing about it <input type="checkbox"/> drawing or using art <input type="checkbox"/> speaking or telling <input type="checkbox"/> demonstrating 	<p>When you get new information do you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Like to get all the information at once <input type="checkbox"/> Like to get the information in steps
<p>When you learn new things, do you prefer to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> picture in your mind <input type="checkbox"/> draw or doodle <input type="checkbox"/> take notes <input type="checkbox"/> discuss (talk) with others <input type="checkbox"/> write down the steps 	<p>Do you enjoy working on projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> In groups with students with similar ideas/interests <input type="checkbox"/> In groups with students who have different ideas/interests
<p>I prefer reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-fiction <input type="checkbox"/> Both equally 	<p>Books or authors I enjoy reading:</p> <hr/> <p>Topics I enjoy reading:</p>
<p>I am most excited about learning when my teacher(s)...</p>	
<p>This is an example of a project I enjoyed:</p>	
<p>My favorite topic of study is:</p>	
<p>I feel challenged in school when:</p>	
<p>An example of an experience where I felt challenged:</p>	

Turn over for items specific to parents.

Parent Response

What is your child's area(s) of strength or area(s) of interest?

What is an area(s) of concern or challenge?

What goals do you have for your child this school year?

Other Information about your child you would like me to know:

I am skilled or knowledgeable in the following area(s) and would be willing to instruct the class in a lesson about...

Thank You!

1st Grade Recommended Supply List

The following supplies are the ones we use regularly in class. In July & August, local stores will have great "Back to School" sales on many of these!

Disclaimer: you are not required to provide these items. If you need assistance getting any of these, we would be more than happy to help!

- 2 Two-pocket folders (paper not plastic)
- Over the ear headphones (standard 3.5mm stereo connector)
 - Place in bag labeled with your child's name
- Crayons (standard 16 or 24 pack)
- Pencil box (see picture)
- Notebooks or Composition books (prefer NON-spiral) (sale in Aug!)
 - I can usually find these at Walmart and Target for under \$1.
 - Students will use 2-3 of these throughout the year.
- Erasers (hand held or pencil top)

Collecting for whole class:

- ~~Pencils (Ticonderoga and Mirado brands work best)~~ I have lots!



BOX TOPS!

Please set aside a baggie and collect BOX TOPS for our school for this summer!
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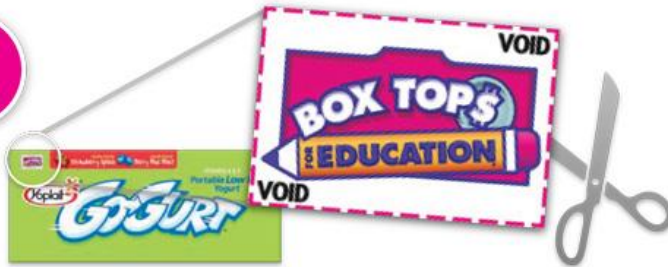
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most. All those Box Tops
really add up!