



## **Welcome to first grade!**



We are excited to share the book Ice Cream Summer by Peter Sis. It is a wonderful story of summer adventures and ice cream. Please read the book with/to your child and discuss their favorite things to do and eat in the summer.

On the provided lined paper. Please have your child write one sentence about their summer adventure. They should check for a capital letter at the beginning and punctuation at the end of their sentence. Please have them also draw a picture and color it, to go with their sentence. You could send in a photo as well.

We can't wait to meet our new first graders and see the summer fun they are going to share. We have also uploaded a family activity guide for this fun book. Enjoy!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



# SUMMER



Draw and write about your favorite summer adventure.

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a blue border, intended for drawing a summer adventure.A series of horizontal lines for writing, consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line, repeated seven times.

# Ice Cream Summer

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Ice Cream, Traveling, Family

**Book Brief:** Joe describes his summer adventures through letters to his grandpa that focus on his

favorite treat—ice cream!

**Author and Illustrator:**  
Peter Sís



## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, make connections:** Do you like ice cream? If not, what's your favorite frozen treat? If so, what are your favorite ice cream flavors? When do you usually eat the most

ice cream? Do you like your ice cream in a cone or in a bowl or cup?

**While reading, search and count:** The author/illustrator included many hidden ice cream cones in

the pages of the story. How many of them can you find on each page? How many can you find in all? Keep track as you read.

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ Why do you think Joe was so obsessed with ice cream?
- ◆ How did Joe make ice cream educational?
- ◆ What part of the history of ice cream did you find most interesting?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### SHAKE IT UP, BABY!

Ingredients: 1 Tbs. sugar, 1/2 cup half and half, 1/4 tsp. vanilla

Materials: 1/2 cup coarse salt, quart-sized plastic bag, gallon-sized plastic bag, ice

Pour the ingredients into a quart-sized plastic bag and seal carefully. Fill the gallon-sized plastic bag halfway with ice. Add in the salt. Place the sealed quart-sized bag inside the gallon-sized bag. Seal the gallon-sized bag and shake! Shake the bag until you see the ingredients in the smaller bag start to look like ice cream. When the ingredients look solid enough to eat, open up the bag and enjoy!

### CONE COLLAGE

Materials: old magazines, paper, glue

Cut or tear colored pieces of paper from an old magazine. Arrange the pieces in the shape of an ice

cream cone. Use a variety of colors for the ice cream. Remember that in a collage you can overlap pieces of paper. Once you have a completed design, glue all the pieces onto paper to make a collage.



### CREAMY CARTOGRAPHY

Look at Joe's map. If you could turn your neighborhood into an ice cream paradise, what would the landmarks be? Create your own ice cream-themed neighborhood map with illustrations.

### THAILAND TREAT

Check out how street vendors make ice cream in Thailand: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSQxQN6WTaI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSQxQN6WTaI). Have you ever been to an ice cream shop in the United States that used a similar method to make ice cream treats?

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*The Pilot and the Little Prince: The Life of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry* (2014), *The Train of States* (2007), *Ballerina!* (2005).



Reading Is  
Fundamental