Suggested 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 writing upper and lowercase letters and numbers

Reading and Writing

- Keep a journal 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
- 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.

Books and book series to try

- Bob Books
- Sight word readers from Scholastic Book Club
- The Level 1 "I Can Read" books
- "Elephant and Piggie" series by Mo Willems (any books in the series)
- Rhyming books

Book suggestions for reading aloud

- Poetry books - such as, Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein, Now We Are Six by A.A. Milne, A Pizza the Size of the Sun by Jack Prelutsky
- Henry and Mudge - The First Book by Cynthia Rylant (any books in the series)
- Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald (any books in the series)
- You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together by MaryAnne Hoberman

Math

- Writing numbers 1-20
- Rote counting by 1s, 5s, and 10s to 100
- Work on Number Bonds to 10 with manipulatives, word problems, and mental math
- Count small amounts of change to 30 cents, at least
- Practice telling time to the hour and half hour
- Work in math/language/maze/puzzle workbooks (available at Target, Walmart, Lakeshore)