



Dear 1st Grade Students and Families,

Welcome to First Grade for the 2025 - 2026 school year! We are so excited to welcome you and your family into our flexible learning classroom community!

We know that summer is such an exciting and relaxing time, but it is also important that your child's mind stay engaged in literacy, math, and writing using the recommendations we have provided below.

Reading: We recommend that first-grade students establish a habit of reading for at least 10 minutes a day. Some reading choices include:

- Your child independently reading "just right" early reader books
- Reading a higher level book with or aloud to your child
- Listening to audiobook tapes as a family

Math: For math, we encourage students to continue practicing basic math skills. We are sending copies of the Unit 1 Into Math workbook series that supplements the Montessori Math System in our classroom. While it may seem very basic, it is good math fact practice and the repetition will help them become more comfortable with a workbook format. Please feel free to help your child read the directions and math word problems. In addition to the Into Math workbook, your child can also choose from the following options:

- Addition and Subtraction Fact Flash cards
- Family Math games (Ex: Countdown, Make 7, Mastermind, and Top-It)

Writing: We are sending home a writing journal for summer writing practice. Please encourage your child to write 3 times per week throughout the summer, preferably about their experiences. You may also refer to the Summer Month Calendar Writing Prompts enclosed. Please allow your child to use phonetic spelling. We look forward to reading about your summer adventures!

Most of all, we hope that you enjoy your family time together.

Best wishes and stay safe! See you in September!

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