



CLASS NEWS

An Update From Our Classroom

Summer 2026

Reading

It is so important to continue the habit of reading for enjoyment over the summer. Want to know a GREAT place to stock up on books? The Goodwill Bookstore on Clark Road is a hidden gem! Here are some popular fiction series:

- Owl Diaries
- Unicorn Diaries
- Princess in Black
- Mercy Watson
- Poppleton
- Henry and Mudge
- Narwhal and Jelly
- Elephant and Piggie
- Ivy and Bean
- Pinky and Rex
- Mr. Putter and Tabby
- Cam Jansen
- Bad Kitty
- Diary of a Pug
- Magic Tree House
- DogMan
- Diva and Flea
- Pizza and Taco
- My Weirdest School
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Captain Awesome
- Calendar Mysteries
- A-Z Mysteries
- Junie B. Jones
- Stink
- Nancy Clancy
- Judy Moody
- Henry and Mudge
- Frog and Toad

Writing

Keep those writing skills sharp by having your child keep a journal about their summer adventures. Let your child pick out his or her own special notebook, markers, pens, and pencils to use. Encourage lots of descriptive details in their writing.

Board Games

Board games are so important for first graders because they help children grow socially, emotionally, and academically in fun and engaging ways. At this age, kids are developing critical thinking, learning how to be a good sport, and building confidence in their skills—board games support all of these areas. Here are some first grade favorites to enjoy together over the summer:

- Trouble
- Sequence for Kids
- Chutes and Ladders
- Sorry
- Uno
- Guess Who
- Spot It
- Shut the Box
- Connect Four
- Jenga
- Battleship
- Candyland
- Clue Junior
- HedBanz

Math:

One of the most helpful areas to work on over the summer is playing games to help your child memorize the addition and subtraction facts. Here are some games that your child can play to practice their facts over the summer.

[Math War: Sums to 10](#)

[Math War: Sums to 20](#)

[Math War: Differences to 10](#)

[Math War: Differences to 20](#)

Problem solving is another great skill to work on over the summer. Click on this link for some engaging practice with problem solving.

[Grade 1 Sunshine Math](#)