WESTCHESTER
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Rising 1st Grade Summer Reading

Summer break is a wonderful opportunity to transform reading into a joyful family experience! As your child prepares to enter first grade, summer is the perfect time to nurture their growing love of books and maintain the reading skills they've worked so hard to develop in Kindergarten. Reading together during these warm months creates cherished memories while keeping your child's mind engaged and curious. When children discover that books are a source of wonder, they begin a lifelong journey of discovery. Engaging with stories during these sunny months helps prevent the "summer slide," builds a rich vocabulary, and sparks the imagination while strengthening your bond with your child. Most importantly, it creates a vibrant foundation for reading success as they step into first grade and beyond. Let the exciting summer reading adventures begin!

Interactive Reading Activities

These hands-on activities transform reading time into engaging playtime that your child will look forward to every day.

Story Acting

Bring stories to life by acting them out together! After reading a favorite book, encourage your child to dress up in costumes (or simple props like a scarf, hat, or stuffed animal) and act out the story. You can take turns being different characters, use silly voices, and add your own creative touches. This activity deepens comprehension and makes reading interactive and hilarious.

Book-Inspired Crafts

Create art projects based on the books you read together. If you read a book about butterflies, make butterfly crafts. After a book about painting, create artwork together. If the story features a particular animal or character, build it with blocks, clay, or craft supplies. These projects extend learning and create tangible memories of favorite stories.

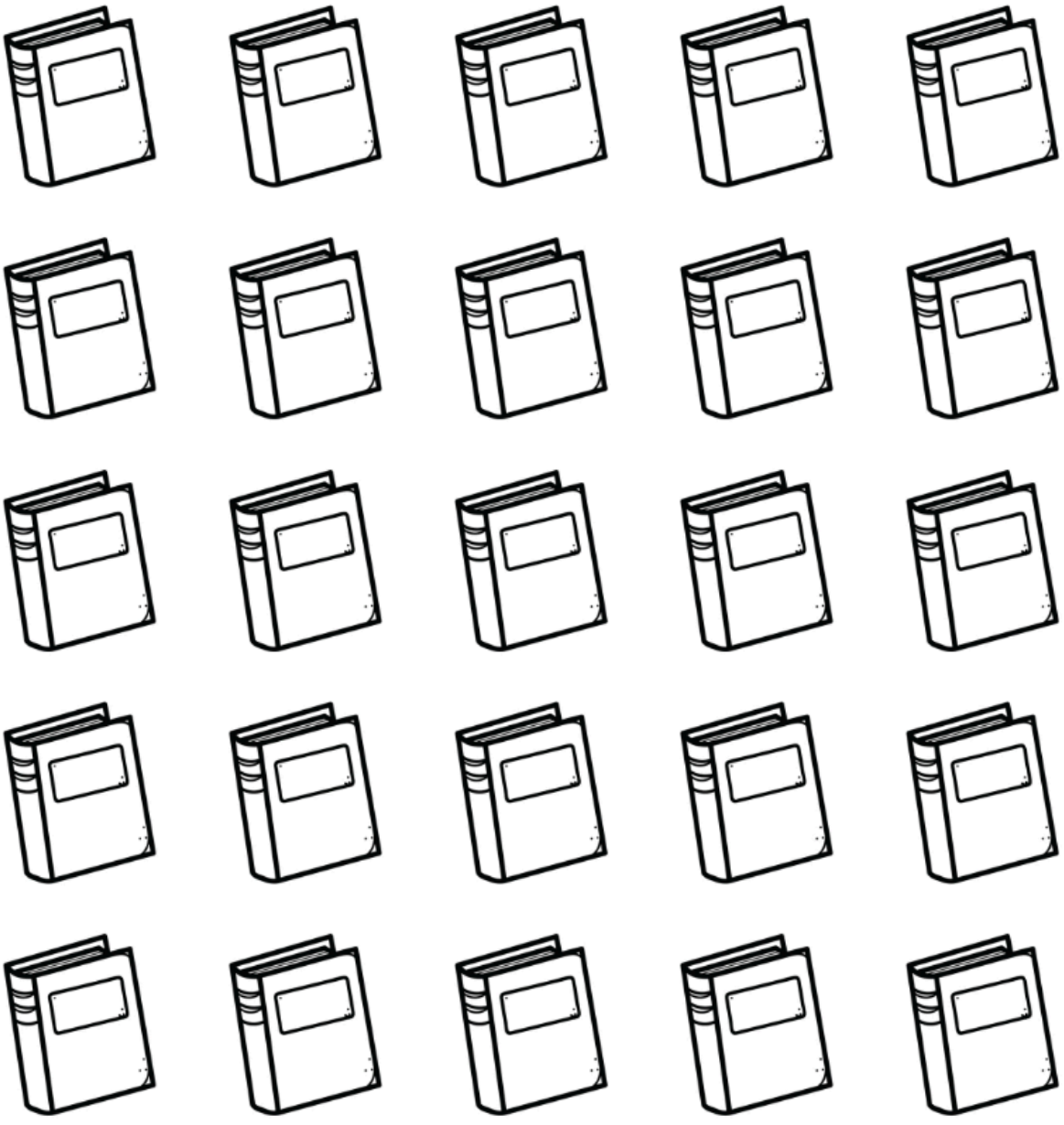
Reading Reward Chart

Use the incentive chart to encourage lots of reading this summer. Have your child color in a book for each book he/she reads or you read aloud to them. Students who fill up the chart will be rewarded with a prize from their first grade teacher in September. You can also set goals along the way with your own rewards.

SUMMER

READING TRACKER

Color each book you finish.



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Fun Recommendations for Rising First Graders

(But feel free to read ANYTHING - read-alouds count too!)

