Dear 1st Grade Students and Families, June 2026



Welcome to First Grade for the 2026-2027 school year! We are so excited to welcome you and your family into our classroom learning 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. "Summer Slide" is real.

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 or playing games as a family. (ex: Apples to Apples)

Math: For math, we encourage students to continue practicing basic math skills. We are sending Unit 1 of the First Grade Go 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 learn the format of the workbook. Please feel free to help your child read the directions and math word problems. In addition to the Go 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, or any game that involves dice and counting practice)

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 as the establish a creative writing flow. 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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