



Dear Parents,

It is amazing how quickly the year in Kindergarten flew by! There was a lot of learning that happened from letters/sounds, sight words, counting, numbers and number names, colors and color names and much more.

Now summer break has arrived and the summer slide begins. The summer slide is a time lapse when learned skills are not practiced enough and students begin to forget what they have learned. The following skills are important to practice over the summer to make the transition from Kindergarten to First Grade smooth.

Math: addition math facts - the flashcards can be printed and cut to use on the go; the students can write them in a notebook or on paper. You may also use the following fun websites to practice them: abcya.com; [ixl](http://ixl.com); or any that you may already be using.

ELA: sight words - the list of words can be written; made into flashcards (use index cards). Your child may already know some and some may be new to them but will be used a lot in First Grade.

Reading: A very important skill for students to learn how to pronounce words correctly. There is a reading log that must be filled out every time a story is read. We will copy the titles onto circles when we meet to make a reading caterpillar to decorate our classroom. Your child may read to you or you to them as often as possible during the week. It is also great bonding time. Please send the reading log with your child on the first day of school.

Have fun this summer and remember to take some time to learn and review what you already know.

See you soon!

Peace,

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