



Dear First Grade 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 assigned skills are important to practice over the summer to make the transition from Kindergarten to First Grade smooth.

The summer work will consist of assigned work on an electronic device and a hands-on STREAM project.

Math and reading skills will be assigned through Boddle, a program that can be used on an electronic device. i.e., iPad, Chromebook, laptop/desktop. Your child will have all summer to complete the assigned skills. Information was sent home on the last day of school regarding their username and password. If you are new to Trinity, this information will be provided via email.

In First grade each Friday afternoon is designated exclusively for STREAM. Students will learn to problem solve and keep trying without giving up. It is not the end project that matters but the process to get there. All STREAM challenges relate to a storybook and incorporate science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and math.

The assigned summer STREAM project will involve the storybook “The Kissing Hand” by Audrey Penn. You may purchase the book, borrow it from your local library or listen to it as a read aloud (<https://youtu.be/uyhjp4CbvS4>). Just like scientists log their work, your child will do the same with the provided booklet. You may take pictures but is not necessary. The completed booklet is due 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,

Mrs. Del Valle

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