



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

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

*The 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. They have used this site in kindergarten with Chromebook. Your child will have all summer to complete the assigned skills. Below you will find how to access the website, your child's username and password.

Website: [Play Boddle \(boddlelearning.com\)](https://www.boddlelearning.com) Username:

Password:

*The STREAM project is attached to this letter. In my classroom I have designated Friday afternoons 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 incorporates science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and math.

The assigned summer STREAM project will involve the storybook "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn and it is a read aloud, a brief discussion with your child about the story, and building a boat with Hershey kisses wrappers. I will provide all the supplies needed. Just like scientist log their work, your child will do the same and the booklet is simple to complete. You may take pictures but is not necessary. Completed booklet is due on the first day of school.

They read aloud can be found at <https://youtu.be/uyhjp4CbvS4>

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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