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Dear Incoming First Grade Families,

Congratulation on graduating from Kindergarten! I bet you are looking forward to a fun filled summer. I have enclosed a list of important skills that will facilitate your transition into our first/second grade classroom. Please practice these concepts with games, songs and books as much as possible this summer.

- Left/Right
- Days of the week
- Months of the year
- The date, reading a calendar
- Telling time
- Tying shoes
- Counting, skip counting by 2,5, 10

Reading- Please choose as many books from the following selections as possible:

**“I can read” books:**

- Mouse Tales- Lobel
- Frog and Toad (series)- Lobel
- Dr. Seuss books (\*Green Eggs and Ham/One Fish Two Fish- some are harder like Horton Hatches an Egg)
- Little Bear (series) -Minarik
- Mr.Putter and Tabby (series)-Rylant
- Shel Silverstein Poetry books
- Curious George (series)- Rey

**Beginning Chapter Books:**

- Amelia Bedilia series
- Arthur series- Marc Brown

- Cam Jansen series- Adler
  - Francis series-Hoban
  - Pink and Rex series- James Howe
  - Magic Tree House series- Mary Pope Osborn
  - A to Z Mystery series- Ron Roy
  - Marvin Redpost series- Louis Sachar
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Giving your child as many real life reading/writing and math opportunities as possible is a great way to maintain skills over the summer. Here are just a few ideas:

- Use everyday math skills: money at the store, telling time, measurement-cooking, reading a thermometer, etc.
- Encourage your child to write- make lists, write letters, keep a dream journal, illustrate your travels and adventures, etc.
- Encourage independence: dressing, food preparation, hygiene, chores, etc.

Work on both the Math and Phonics books Ms. Amber sent home for the summer and bring them in on the first day.

Have an exciting summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Jen

## Supply List

- 5 sturdy PLASTIC folders
- A box of pencils
- A box of pencil eraser tops
- A box of color pencils
- A box of crayons
- A box of washable markers
- Glue sticks
- A box of Expo dry erase markers
- Wipes (for cubbie cleaning)
- Marble writing journal (wide ruled)
- 1 ream of WIDE RULED looseleaf
- Water bottle (to keep in cubbie)
- Slippers/Inside shoes for winter
- Highlighters
- Colored note cards
- A small plant
- Any book or kid's CD donations (including nature sounds/classical music, etc.) are  
VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!