

Dear Kindergarten soon to be First Grade Parents,

We look forward to seeing you and your children next year. We wanted to recommend a few things to work on this summer to prepare your child for first grade. Our summer is very long and skills can be lost if not continually practiced. The two most major skills that deteriorate are reading and math facts. Below are a few recommendations and websites to help your child continue to grow and learn over summer.

### **Reading**

1. Visit the library and spend at least fifteen minutes a day reading with your child.
2. They should practice reading and reviewing kindergarten sight words.
3. Have your child retell the story using the words First, Next, Then, and Finally.
4. Ask you child questions about the problem/solution, characters, and setting.
5. Play phonics games and read online.
  - Have stories read aloud in these animated books. <http://sillybooks.net/>
  - Review kindergarten language arts skills. <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills-k-langbuilders.htm>
  - Practice phonics activities they will be learning in first grade. <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills-1st-langbuilders.htm>

### **Math**

1. Have your child count groups of objects you have around the house.
2. Practice adding small groups of objects together or taking away and counting what is left.
3. Visit math websites.
  - Review kindergarten math skills. <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills-k-mathbuilders.htm>
  - <http://8087.educatorpages.com/Page.aspx?p=8087>

### **Other Great Sites**

- <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Key-Stage-1.html>
- [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)
- [www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)
- [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you next school year.

Sincerely,  
Sister Ann Everett and Rebecca Eichholz

## Kindergarten Sight Words

### Color Words

red orange yellow green blue  
purple pink black brown gray white

### Number Words

Zero one two three four five  
Six seven eight nine ten

a an and are as at big

can cat dad do dog for get go

God have he her here him I

in is it Jesus like love man mom

my name no not play said see she

stop that the they this to what

when where who why you