

Kindergarten

Skills for Incoming Kindergarteners to practice this summer:

- Counting up to 20
- Recognizing and creating patterns
- Sorting different objects by color, size or shape
- Counting quantities of objects
- Reading and writing numbers from 1- 10
- Practice writing your first name
- Practicing cutting with safety scissors
- Singing and reading alphabet letters

Recommended Authors for reading aloud to Kindergarten Students:

- Jan Brett
- Eric Carle
- Leo Lionni
- Tommie de Paola
- Audrey Wood
- Ruth Heller
- Paul Galdone
- Marcus Pfister
- Audrey Penn
- Brian Wildsmith

Recommended Resources Review:

- www.starfall.com

1st Grade

Skills for Incoming 1st Graders to practice this summer:

- Sign of the Cross (In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit)
- Writing full name (First and Last)
- Writing all letters in both uppercase and lowercase
- Sight Words Link: [Sight Words Google Drive](#)

Reading: (Suggested Author List)

- David Shannon Books
- Clifford Series by Norman Bridwell
- Franklin Series by Paulette Bourgois
- Arthur Series by Marc Brown
- Froggy Series by Jonathan London
- Dr. Seuss Books
- Eric Carle Books
- Pet the Cat Series by James Dean
- Kevin Henkes Books
- Learning to Read Series
 - Hello Reader!
 - I Can Read Books
 - Puffin Easy-to-Read
 - Step into Reading Levels 1 and 2

Math:

- Numbers 1-100 writing and counting
- Addition and Subtraction to 10
- Mathematics
- Shapes 2D and 3D (recognition and names)

Online Resources:

<http://pbskids.org/games/math/>

Prodigy (prodigygame.com/play/)

RAZ-Kids www.razkids.com

Starfall <http://www.starfall.com/>

Sight Word Games FREE! <https://www.education.com/games/sight-words/>

2nd Grade

Skills for Incoming 2nd Graders to practice this summer:

Reading:

- Books by Eric Carle (AR levels 1.0 - 3.7)
- Books by Doreen Cronin (AR levels 1.0 - 5.4)
- Fly Guy books (AR levels 1.2 - 4.1)
- Junie B. Jones books (AR levels 2.6 - 3.0)
- Intermediate Readers: Bad Kitty books, Geronimo Stilton books
- Advanced Readers: Magic Tree House books
- RAZ-Kids (www.raz-kids.com/)

Math:

- Basic Math Facts (Addition & Subtraction)
- Mad Minute Math (www.softschools.com/math/games/)
- Sheppard Software (www.sheppardsoftware.com)
- Prodigy (prodigygame.com/play/)

3rd Grade

Skills for Incoming 3rd Graders to practice this summer:

Reading:

During the summer, choose a fiction and/or non-fictional book for you and your student to read together. Establish a designated, routine time to read with your student for, at least, 20 minutes, and take turns reading aloud. During your reading session, be sure to pause and ask questions and/or have a discussion about what was read.

For example,

- What is the main idea of the text? Give two supporting details from the text.
- What are three facts that you LEARNED from the reading?
- What are two questions you have that weren't answered in the text?
- Pick a chart, graph, diagram, or other visual from the text. Draw it and explain how it is important to understanding the text.
- Describe one thing that you found most interesting from your reading.

- How could you have solved the problem in a new way?
- Retell an event in the story that could happen in real life.
- What was the funniest part in the story? Why did you choose it?
- State two or three new titles that give a good idea of what the story was about.
- Was the main character in the story good or bad? State events in the story that support your opinion.
- What was the author's purpose in writing this story?

Suggested 3rd Grade Books:

Series to Read - Who Would Win, Who was..., Nancy Drew, Little House on the Prairie
Authors to Read: Patricia Polacco, Roald Dahl, Andrew Clements, Judy Blume

Math is on the back!

Math:

Students should begin to memorize multiplication facts, especially multiples of 0,1,2,4,5, & 10. Discover your student's best way to study.

Ways to practice:

- Use the traditional flash cards to play a game of Sparkle, multiplication style.
- Students roll two dice, then multiply the 2 numbers they rolled together.
- Create a memory game—one card contains the factors, the other contains the product.
- Dominoes-students draw a domino that is face down. They multiply the dots on either side of the domino together.
- Number Draw: Partners put hands behind their back. On the count of three, partners draw and show a number on fingers. The first person to say the product of the two numbers wins!

Websites to aid in memorizing multiplication facts:

math-aids.com

Sheppard Software (www.sheppardsoftware.com)

Multiplication.com (multiplication.com)

Math is Fun! (www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/math-trainer-multiply.html)

Math Playground (<http://www.mathplayground.com/>)

4th Grade

Skills for Incoming 4th Graders to practice this summer:

Math:

- Memorize multiplication and related division facts through 12
- Create fact families using multiplication and division
Ex. $2 \times 6 = 12$ $6 \times 2 = 12$ $12 \div 6 = 2$ $12 \div 2 = 6$
- Add and subtract numbers through the thousands, including borrowing/carrying
- Place value through the hundred thousands (ones, tens, hundreds, thousands)
- Simple fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$,)

Websites to aid in memorizing multiplication facts:

- math-aids.com
- www.sheppardsoftware.com
- Multiplication.com
- www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/math-trainer-multiply.html
- <http://www.mathplayground.com/>

Reading: **Read something every day!** Daily reading can include:

- A chapter or two of a chapter book
- Magazine articles of interest
examples: Lego, Ranger Rick, American Girl, National Geographic for Kids, Discovery Girls
- Non fiction biographies (Who Was books)
- Non fiction books about science, history, animals, sports
- Historical brochures/handouts from vacation destinations or day trips
- Picture books read to younger siblings or cousins
- Instruction manuals

5th Grade

Skills for Incoming 5th Graders to practice this summer:

Math: skills to master before entering 5th grade in the fall

- multiplication facts through 12 with automaticity (they will be timed on their facts during the first weeks of school)
- place value to the millions place
- represent a fraction or mixed number in picture form

Language Arts: Please read one of the following and prepare a 1 minute oral presentation (see summer newsletter) on your book

- The One and Only Ivan
- James and the Giant Peach
- Dear Mr. Henshaw

Tech Skills: Type at least 25 words per minute FreeTypingGame.net

6th Grade

Skills for Incoming 6th Graders to practice this summer:

Prayers:

All students need to know the Nicene Creed, Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Reading:

All students must read: *Julius Caesar: Dictator for Life* ([A Wicked History](#)) by Denise Rinaldo

All students must also read **ONE** of the following:

- *Wonder* by RJ Palacio
- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaimon
- *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

7th Grade

Skills for Incoming 7th Graders to practice this summer:

Prayers:

All students need to know the Nicene Creed and the Act of Love, Act of Hope, and Act of Faith.

Reading:

- READ 2 (two) of the following books:

- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

BE PREPARED to write a 5 paragraph essay analyzing and synthesizing one of these books. (No writing is due over the summer.)

8th Grade

Skills for Incoming 8th Graders to practice this summer:

Reading:

- Read 125+ page autobiography/biography of a struggle anyone in history who overcame adversity or participate in a larger fight against injustice.
(You will need to remember the title of the book and the author.)
- Also read one(1) of the following books:
 - *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers
 - *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman* by Ernest J. Gaines
- BE PREPARED to write a 5 paragraph essay analyzing and synthesizing one of these books. (No writing is due over the summer.)

