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Dear Parents of Upcoming First Graders,

Though summer break is only a few months long, it is still very important to maintain the incredible academic and social skills your child has learned and worked so hard on this year. Summer slump occurs when students lose skills over the summer by not continuing to practice them outside of the classroom. Summer is a great opportunity to practice new skills your child may not have mastered yet.

I invite you to participate in our Summer Reading Challenge!

Have a WONDERFUL Summer!

Mrs. Thompson
First Grade Teacher
Saint Joseph School

First Grade Supply List



Kindly put the following items in an Extra Large Pencil Box labeled with your child's name:

- Crayola Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Student Scissors
- 2 glue sticks

Please put the following items in a Ziplock:

- Extra glue sticks
- Pre-sharpened plain pencils (2 boxes)

Please do not label these items; they are shared.

Students will need two durable folders: 1 Yellow, 1 Blue and a clipboard. Please label these items.

No need to label:

- 4 Boxes of Tissues
- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 3 Containers of Clorox Wipes
- 2 Containers of Baby Wipes


** Velcro sneakers are the best option if your child does not know how to tie his/her own shoes.

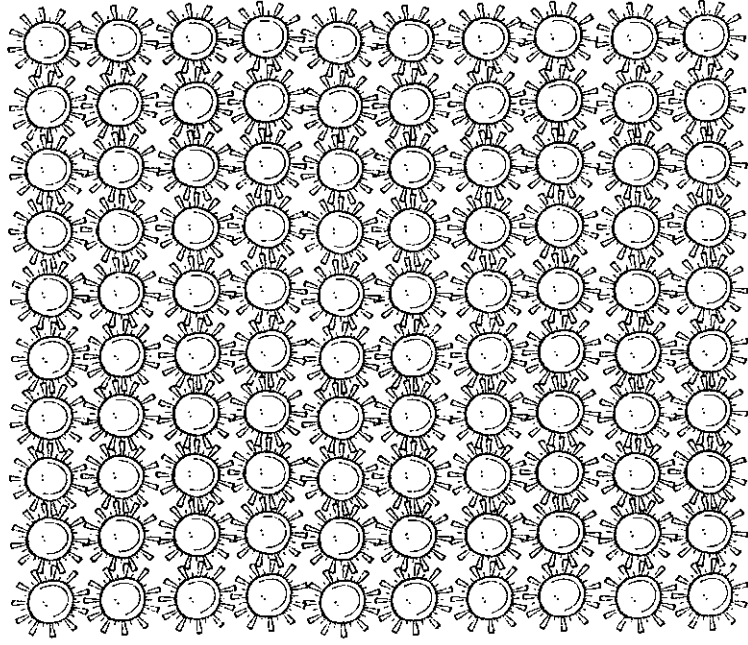
Thanks so much!!

Summer Reading Challenge

Goal: Read 1,500 minutes this summer!

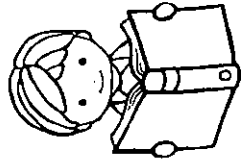


Each  represents 15 minutes. Every time you read for 15 minutes, check off one sun. When you check all of the suns, that means you have read for 1,500 minutes!



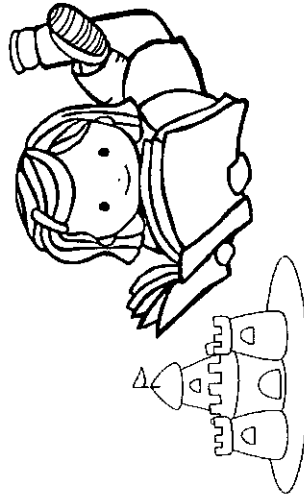
I read _____ minutes this summer!

My favorite book that I read:



Summer Reading Ideas

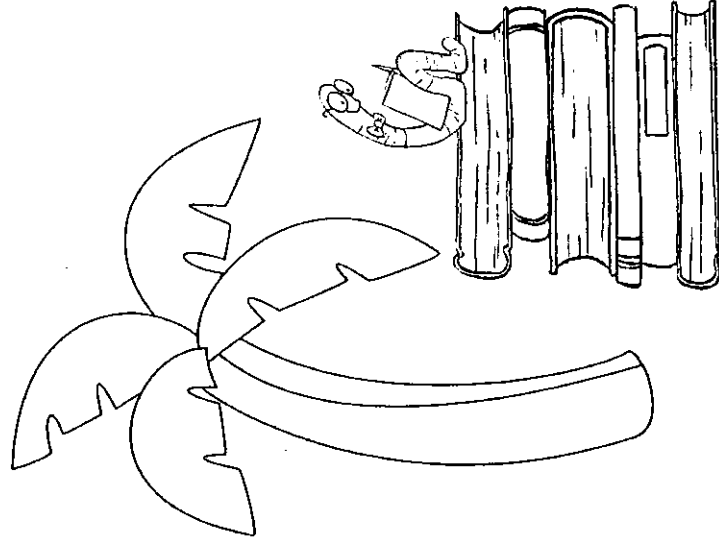
- * Visit the public library
- * Visit the bookstore
- * Listen to books while driving
- * Take turns reading
- * Find fun places to read
- * Try a new book series
- * Re-read an old favorite
- * Swap books with a friend
- * Find books at a thrift store
- * Read books about places you hope to visit one day
- * Have a family poetry reading night with a microphone
- * Have a reading picnic on a blanket outside
- * Read books, then watch the movie version and compare

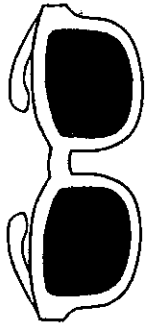


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A Guide for Parents





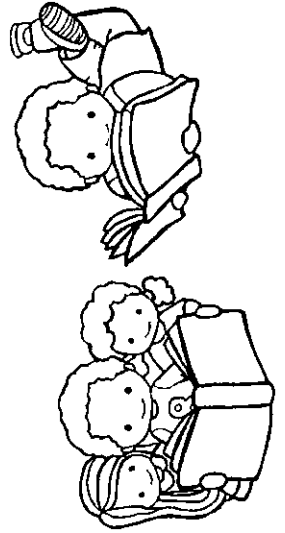
Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard this year! According to research,* students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. That means 2 months of school, down the drain!

You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer. Try to read something everyday, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu. Every word counts.

Here's to making this a summer of reading!

*Research from Reading is Fundamental (www.rtf.org)



Read a Book Online

Here are some great websites to read online:

Storyline Online—celebrities read aloud favorite children's books
<http://www.storylineonline.net>



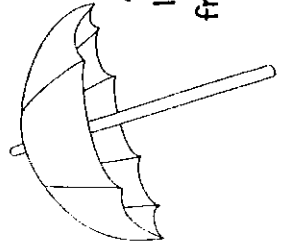
International Children's Library—a large collection of stories from around the world
<http://en.childrenslibrary.org>



Storynory—a variety of fun and colorful stories to read online
<http://www.storynory.com>

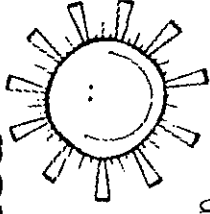


D060news—current events news stories and articles on a variety of nonfiction topics
<https://d060news.com>



Also, check with your local library. Many lend free e-books for Kindle or other tablets!

Recommended Authors



Grades K-2
Eric Carle
Margaret Wise Brown

Leo Leonni
Mary Pope Osborne
Dr. Seuss

Sandra Boynton
Barbara Park
Donald Crews
Lois Ehlert
Bill Martin Jr.

Jan Brett
Marc Brown
Tomie DePaola
Steven Kellogg
Maurice Sendak
Jane Yolen

Grades 3-5
Sharon Creech
Louis Sachar
Lemony Snicket
Shel Silverstein

Jeff Kinney
RJ Palacio
Lois Lowry
Jack Prelutsky
Madeline L'Engle
Beverly Cleary
Patricia Polacco

EB White
Roald Dahl
Chris VanAllsburg
Judy Blume
Jean Fritz