

Maclay Lower School Summer Work for Rising First Graders

Dear Families,

We cannot wait to welcome your child to First Grade in the fall! Here are some activities you can do over the summer with your child to keep their brain growing:

Reading

Students should spend at least 20 minutes a day engaging with books. This can be done through parent read-alouds or students reading independently. Here is a list of books your child may enjoy:

- Biscuit (series) by Alyssa Capucilli
- Harry books (series) by Harriet Ziefert
- I Took My Frog to the Library by Eric Kimmel
- The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
- Mine's the Best by Crosby Bonsall
- More Spaghetti, I Say! By Rita Golden Gekman
- A New House for Mole and Mouse by Harriet Ziefert
- Nicky Upstairs and Down by Harriet Ziefert
- Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw
- Zoo-Looking by Mem Fox
- Boats by Anne Rockwell
- A Day at Greenhill Farm by Sue Nicholson
- I'm a Caterpillar by Jean Marzollo
- Captain Cat by Syd Hoff
- Building a House by Byron Barton
- Butterflies by Susan Ashley
- Diving Dolphins by Karen Wallace
- I Want to be a Firefighter by Dan Liebman

- Sun Up, Sun Down by Gail Gibbons
- Tale of a Tadpole by Karen Wallace
- Froggie (series) by Jonathan London
- Little Critter (series) by Mercer Mayer
- Clifford (series) by Normal Bridwell

Math

Here is a list of activities that your child can do at home to keep practicing math skills:

- Practice writing numbers 0-100
- Practice counting- count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's to 100 or more
- Use dry cereal to create math stories (ex: I have 2 pieces. If I add 2 more pieces, now I have 4 pieces.)
- Create a "Countdown to First Grade" calendar- let your child write the numbers