

WELCOME FIRST GRADE PARENTS

Welcome to First Grade! Get ready for an exciting, fun-filled year where, together, we will watch your child flourish into a strong and independent reader and mathematician! **To help maintain your child's current reading level, read to your child or listen to your child read this summer 3-5 days a week for at least 15 minutes!** The idea is not to teach your child how to read but to help your child become a book lover! Read favorites over and over until your child is able to read them to you. Help your child select books from the attached reading list that are of high interest. The books should be available at the Wicomico County Library...plan weekly visits! **Please feel free to substitute books on the list with books you and your child find fun and exciting.**

Please keep a list of the books you read together on the attached Reading Log. You and your child should share at least 20 books. Plans are currently underway for our Reading and Math Carnival that will take place in September and the completed Reading Log is your child's ticket to the Carnival!

In addition to summer reading, we are asking you to assist your child in completing a Math Packet. Attached to this file, you will find worksheets containing concepts your child learned in Kindergarten. In order to give your child a GIANT head start in 1st grade, begin working on the worksheets in August. **Return both the Math Packet and the Reading Log the first day of school and your child will receive a ticket to the carnival!**

It is my sincere hope that your child experiences nothing but success during their entire First Grade journey! You can help ensure their success by reading to/with them regularly! I have one summer read for all parents called The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease. This book is a MUST for all parents! It includes age-appropriate book lists along with guidelines for helping your young child become a lover of books! Borrow it from the library or purchase it and then pass it on to a friend!

Finally, look for an email in August inviting you to stop by the classroom for an Open House! At this time you can drop-off school supplies and summer work before the first day of school! Have a safe and happy summer and remember to READ, READ, READ!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Chamberlain

P.S. Suggested Reading List, Reading Log and Math Packet can all be found and printed from our school's website!!

P.S. Also enclosed is a list of the first 100 Fry Sight Words that we will begin memorizing starting the first day of school! If you would like to give your child a GIANT head-start before school even begins, copy the words onto index cards and have your child review 5-10 every day until he/she has them memorized! Remembering to do this can be difficult, so try taping 10 words to your refrigerator and ask your child to read the words every time he or she opens the refrigerator door!

FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST

Below you will find a list of supplies needed for the first day of First Grade.
Feel free to bring the items to our Open House in August!

6 pk. wooden pencils (please don't write names on them!)
1-4x6 snapshot of your family from a SUMMER trip or event that we may keep and hang on our Back-to-School bulletin board!
2 soft pink erasers
1-24 pk. Crayola Crayons (plus 1 box for home)
1 pair blunt-end scissors
1-8 oz. Elmer's White Liquid School Glue
6 glue sticks (please don't write names on them!)
1 highlighter, any color (one will last all year)
1 backpack (not on wheels)
1 box facial tissue
Last Name A-H (2) rolls of paper towels
Last Name I-P (1) box of Sandwich Size baggies and (1) box of Gallon Size Ziplock storage bags
Last Name Q-Z (2) Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

PURCHASE FROM YOUR TEACHER:

Heavy Duty vinyl **Pencil Case**
2-pocket Heavy Duty Poly **Folder** with Brads
Writing/Reading Journals: 2 each Blue No. 8037
Spelling Journals: 2 each of Green No. 4037

PURCHASE AND KEEP AT HOME:

2 rolls of Clear Contac Paper (workbooks will need to be covered)
1 box of crayons for homework

Thanks So Much,
Mrs. C Chamberlain

SUGGESTED FIRST GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

Any Level 1 or 2 book from the following series:

Hello Reading
Ready to Read Series
Step into Reading
I Can Read
All Aboard Reading

Any books from these series:

Henry and Mudge Cynthia Rylant
Frog and Toad Arnold Lobel
Amelia Bedelia Peggy Parish
Madeline Ludwig Bemelmans
George and Martha James Marshall
Arthur Marc Brown
Nate the Great Marjorie Sharmat
Cam Jansen David Adler

Also any book by the following authors:

Allen Say	Mercer Mayer
Anno	Paul Zelinsky
Arnold Lobel	Robert McCloskey
Bernard Waber	Sarah Stewart
Bill Martin	Susan Meddaugh
Bill Peet	Tomie de Paola
Jan Brett	Mark Teague
Chris Van Allsburg	
David McPhail	
David Shannon	
Don Freeman	
Dr. Seuss	
Edward Marshall	
Eric Carle	
Ezra Jack Keats	
Frank Asch	
Gail Gibbons	
H.A. Rey	
James Marshall	
Jan Brett	
Janell Cannon	
Judith Viorst	
Katherine Holabird	
Kevin Henkes	
Laura Numeroff	
Lauren Child	

FIRST GRADE SUMMER READING LOG
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