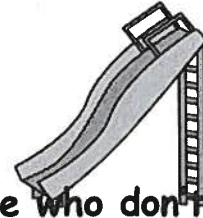


Welcome to First Grade Summer Work to Avoid the Summer Slide



Summer is a great time to play and relax. **HOWEVER**, those who don't spend some time on summer review always show a summer slide backwards. Here are some easy and great ways to promote summer maintenance and even some summer advancement.

Aside from playing cards and board games that encourage counting and number review, we are sending home this very helpful Summer Journal. We encourage you to complete it and return it to your new first grade teacher in August.

Studies show a link between first grade success and growth and academic performance in 4th grade and above. So let's have some fun with our summer journal.

In this summer journal packet you will find:

- 1- A summer journal. Have your child write 5 entries throughout the summer. Writing will help continue to develop fine motor skills. We have included COPS in the journal to introduce your child to a very important writing acronym we use in 1st grade. Review this with your soon to be Firsties. Most importantly read your child's journal. Encourage them to use the list of sight words included and to write words out phonetically if they are not sure how to spell.
- 2- A reading log. Have your child read every day. Now is the time to build those habits. In the back of the packet you will find a log for each summer month. Have your child color in the sheet every time they read 20 minutes or you read to your child. Those who read most read the best. Most SMM students will enter 1st grade in the fall reading at a "level C" or books with a Lexile level of 70-100. If your child is not yet ready for these levels we recommend starting out with the Bob Books series and build on from there.
- 3- Finally, there are some wonderful phonetic activities, rhyme activities and even math to keep your little person on track to come into first grade ready to grow some more.

Have a fun and great summer. We look forward to meeting you in August!