



Dear Parents,

As we near the end of the school year, we wanted to take a minute to say how proud we are of your children. They have grown so much as students and as excellent readers this year. Each day, they have enjoyed learning with the Superkids about different reading strategies and skills. The time they have spent in school reading and learning new skills has been so valuable, as it gives your children the opportunity to practice the reading strategies they have learned throughout the school year.

We can say without hesitation that the best way to become a better reader is to spend time reading and continuing to practice the skills we have learned this First Grade year. We encourage your children to continue the excellent habit of spending time reading each day this summer. Reading every day while enjoying the upcoming summer months will surely make a dramatic difference in your child's success.

To help encourage the students, there will be a list of books that will be listed on the school website. On this list, there will be a book chosen by the second grade teacher that the students must read. There will also be a list of books that your child can choose from. In all, there must be two books read over the summer. Please make sure the children are picking a book at their reading level. There will also be a quick assignment sent home to complete, so when the students return back to school in the fall, they will be able to discuss their reading with their new teacher!

Along with summer reading, your children will also need to complete 10 hours of IXL math. Usernames and passwords were sent home already and the First Grade skills the students should be practicing will have an asterisk beside the skill on the IXL website.

Again, we have really enjoyed teaching your children this year. Thank you for joining us in encouraging your children to discover the value and enjoyment of reading!

We wish you and your family a very relaxing, safe, and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kownacki and Miss Driscoll

## Summer Reading List

Dear Parents,

As your children are ending kindergarten and beginning to think about the fun of First Grade, we encourage your children to continue the excellent habit of spending time reading each day this summer. Reading everyday while enjoying the upcoming summer months will surely make a dramatic difference in your child's success. We are asking that all incoming first grade students read the book Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli and to complete the assignment attached. After reading the story, the students will complete the journal assignment. The students will complete the journal prompt, "I liked this book because\_\_\_\_\_." They will then draw a picture in the space provided on the top of the page.

Below you will find a list of books that the students should pick as a second book to read over the summer. Please help your child choose a book at his or her own reading level. This book does not have an assignment that correlates.

1. The Cat and the Bird in the Hat by Norman Bridwell
2. My Dog Talks by Gail Herman
3. Biscuit Goes to School by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
4. Biscuit Goes Camping by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
5. Bathtime for Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
6. Biscuit in the Garden by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
7. Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach by James Dean
8. Chicken Said, "Cluck!" by Judyann Ackerman Grant and Sue Truesdell
9. The Berenstain Bears Lemonade Stand by Mike Berenstain
10. The Berenstain Bears We Love Soccer! By Mike Berenstain
11. The Berenstain Bears We Love Baseball by Mike Berenstain

All of these books can be found on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Also, many libraries carry these books and the booksellers in the area. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

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