



Dear Parents of Rising First Graders,

We hope you will have a relaxing and fun summer with your child! We also hope you will spend time everyday reading and writing. This is critical for a smooth and seamless transition from summer back to school in August. We are hopeful that all the skills your child learned in kindergarten will be reinforced and practiced by daily reading and writing this summer. Please make these activities fun and not stressful. The back of this page has ideas of authors that you and your child might enjoy. **Please complete the book log and return it on the first day of school.** You may attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

Below are some ideas for making reading and writing fun this summer:

- ~visit the LMS library and check out some books
- ~visit the Hamilton County library and check out some books. The South Chattanooga branch is right at the foot of the mountain and has easy parking.
- ~keep a reading journal where thoughts and feelings about books read can be recorded
- ~set aside 30 minutes each night to read before going to sleep
- ~find a shady spot by the pool or ocean to relax and read
- ~write a letter to a classmate or teacher you miss
- ~share a chapter book with your child, reading a chapter or two a night
- ~read a favorite book to a younger sibling or a pet
- ~write a sequel to a book read or write the next chapter
- ~keep a journal of all summer adventures

Read as many books as you can! The sky's the limit!! Below are some **suggested** authors, many of whom have wonderful series.

Norman Bridwell

Laura Numeroff

Marc Brown

Jan Brett

Arnold Lobel

Dr. Seuss

Cynthia Rylant

Bill Peet

Paulette Bourgeois

Stan and Jan Berenstain

Rosemary Wells

Leo Lionni

Maurice Sendak

Eric Carle

Mercer Mayer

Robert McCloskey

Tedd Arnold

P.D. Eastman

Mo Willems

Syd Hoff

Beatrix Potter

James Marshall

H.A. Rey

Ezra Jack Keats

William Steig

Russell and Lillian Hoban

Gene Zion

Else Minarik

David McPhail

Peggy Parish

Mary Pope Osborne

Doreen Cronin

Don Freeman

Kevin Henkes

My Summer Reading Log

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