

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 every day 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.

**Please complete the book log and return it on the first day of school.**

The attached pages contain suggested authors and summer activities.

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

William Steig

Marc Brown

Gene Zion

Arnold Lobel

David McPhail

Cynthia Rylant

Peggy Parish

Paulette Bourgeois

Mary Pope Osborne

Rosemary Wells

Doreen Cronin

Maurice Sendak

Don Freeman

Mercer Mayer

Kevin Henkes

Tedd Arnold

Laura Numeroff

Mo Willems

Jan Brett

Beatrix Potter

Dr. Seuss

H.A. Rey

Bill Peet

Eric Carle

Stan and Jan Berenstain

Leo Lionni

Ezra Jack Keats

Robert McCloskey

Russell and Lillian Hoban

P.D. Eastman

Else Minarik

Syd Hoff

Tomie DePaola

James Marshall

Barbara Park

Jonathan London

Helen Lester

Nick Bruel

Frank Asch

## Ideas for Summer Reading and Writing

- ~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
- ~help your parents write the grocery list
- ~finish stories you started this year in your writing folder
- ~add to your first grade chapter book
- ~write a letter to your favorite author
- ~read every book by your favorite author
- ~go to McKay's and pick out some fun books you want to read
- ~start a little book club with your family or friends and share with each other your favorite books

# My Summer Reading Log

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