

## FIRST GRADE SUMMER HOMEWORK

1. Practice saying letter names and letter sounds in random order. (This is the prerequisite to reading.) Students should know most of their letter names and sounds before they enter first grade. If your child is having trouble, the “Phonics Game” is a fun way to learn the sounds. A free site that shows letters, says their names and sounds is [www.starfalls.com](http://www.starfalls.com). Once there click on “ABC’s let’s get ready to read”.
2. Practice printing upper and lower case letters in alphabetical order. **Do this 10 times** on first grade handwriting paper during the summer. Most letters start at “2 o’clock” or from the top down. The pencil usually does not come up or off the paper. See attached.
3. Practice printing upper and lower case letters in random order. Have someone say a letter and then print both the upper and lower case letter.
4. Practice for b/d confusion: Print a line of 8-10 letters changing the order each time. (e.g: b b d b d d b b b d d.) The child points and says letter name, child points and says letter sound. If the child makes a mistake start at the beginning of the line until the line is correct. The child will learn the correct name & sound in isolation and gradually apply it to words.
5. Practice counting to 100 and recognizing numbers. Bingo is a great game for number practice.
6. Practice writing numbers from 1 to 30. Do this 10 times on paper during the summer. **If your child turns the completed handwriting and math papers in during the first week of school, he/she can pick something from the prize box.**
7. Practice reading words from the lists that are attached. I suggest you put each word on a note card and practice reading them in random order. (I will be using the same lists the first weeks of school.)
8. There will be a spelling test the first week of school. The purpose is to introduce your child to the process of taking a test, listening for sounds, and writing the letters to form words. The words are: an, can, man, ran, had, dad, ant, lap, tag, pants.
9. Read to and with your child! See the attached reading list.