

Summer Literacy Work for Rising First Graders

Reading

All students must read Fish is Fish by Leo Lionni. Copies may be found at the local library or any book store. Discuss with your child the underlying messages of friendship, loyalty, and faithfulness. Help your child be prepared to discuss his/her impressions orally with the class the first week of school. In addition, your children will be completing class activities about this book.

Parent/Child Read

Each parent is to read one chapter book to his/her child this summer. The sharing of chapter books at this age is an integral part of comprehension. Not only will your child be engaged in a fascinating story but he/she will also develop listening skills necessary for success in first grade literacy. Please peruse the attached list of recommended chapter books to find of interest to your child. Ideally, the chosen book should be a higher reading level than your child reads now. Please take a photograph or have your child draw a picture of the parent and child reading together. Make sure the title of the book is clear in the image or picture.

Writing

The children are responsible for collecting artifacts over the course of the summer in a “**summer box**”, which could be a shoe box or another basic container. The first week of school, each child will share the contents of their box with the class. This collection might include the following items: brochures, camp memorabilia, ticket stubs, photos, shells, maps, a list of books, feathers, recipes, art work, and etc. Your child should be creative.

After collecting items for the box, each child will be required to complete a writing assignment on the attached handwriting paper. Have your child choose **two items** from the box and explain about their significance. Have him/her provide the back story as to how he/she acquired the item and/or give details about the experience related to the items. **Your child should write a minimum of three sentences per item.**

I look forward to hearing about your summertime fun!

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