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**Dear KB Parents/Guardians:**

Summer is fast approaching! It is hard to believe that we only have a few days left! We have learned so much this year and the students have come so far! I am extremely proud of their progress and achievements and I feel confident that they have the skills they need to be successful when they leave me and go to First Grade!

Summer should be a time of fun and relaxation-I want all of my students to enjoy their time off! However, summer can be a tricky thing! If students don’t practice the skills they learned over the summer, they tend to regress and can forget a lot of the things they currently know. It is crucial that they practice and use the skills they learned all year over the summer. This will make their transition to the next grade much easier and smoother! Many students are attending summer programs, like the Shaler Library summer reading program, which is fantastic! Attached you will find some tips for summer for reading, math, and writing to help your child retain and review important skills. You can use these tips and suggestions when and however you would like! If you have any questions, concerns, or would like more tips, please feel free to contact me anytime!

Thank You and Have a Wonderful Summer!

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**Remember:**  You can find wonderful resources, workbooks, games, and ideas for ALL subjects at stores like: Target, The Dollar Store or Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart, Borders, Barnes and Nobles, and online!

**READING TIPS:**

* Practice sight words: reading them in sentences and stories, writing them, using them in sentences the child writes, fun games like bingo, etc.

Our Kindergarten sight words were*:* I, my, a, the, go, to, like, he, come, here, this, me, for, where, do, you, look, one, see, what, two, up, down, we, want, out, who, are, they, she, good, and, there, give, little, that, have, the color words, the number words, the days of the week

Other high frequency words to practice: *of, was, when, made*

* Reading stories or books and answering questions about: *characters, setting, plot, main idea, details, beginning, middle, end, summarizing* (this will help them practice the skill of comprehension)
* Reading sentences smoothly and repeatedly to practice fluency
* Practice letter names and sounds
* Practice word building with three, four, and five letter words
* Practice decoding words from stories, signs, when you are at the store :)
* Practice ask and answering questions
* Writing sentences and words on dry erase boards, notebooks, etc
* Any fun reading games or computer games are great!
* Here are some great reading websites:
* [**https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/**](https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/) **is the website for our reading curriculum where your child can read the same books we read in class all year as wonderful review. They also can print pages we did this year as additional review. After typing in the internet address, you need to click on the state, district (Shaler Area), school (Rogers), and the KB username is: rogKb (K is capital) and the password is: Tree22**
* [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) [www.harcourtschool.com/storytown](http://www.harcourtschool.com/storytown) , <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills_1st.htm#lang> [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

**MATH TIPS:**  \*Use math packet to practice skills! ☺

* Practice reading and writing numbers 0-100
* Practice counting up to 100 and back
* Practice addition and subtraction: writing sentences, solving problems, using the number line to count up and back, what comes next, before etc.
* Practice simple fractions: whole, half, fourths
* Practice shapes: drawing and recognizing
* Practice money: identifying and using: penny, nickel, dime, quarter, dollar
* Practice time: to the hour, half hour, minute, reading both analog and digital clocks
* Practice graphing: picture graphs, tally tables, bar graphs
* Practice calendar: days of the week, weeks, months, dates
* Any fun math games or websites are super! Here are some great math websites: [www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com) [**www.internet4classrooms.com**](http://www.internet4classrooms.com)[**www.mathplayground.com**](http://www.mathplayground.com)[**http://www.kidsites.com/sites-edu/math.htm**](http://www.kidsites.com/sites-edu/math.htm)

**WRITING TIPS:**  \*Use writing prompt packet to practice skills! ☺

* Practice writing complete sentences: uppercase letter to start, spaces, proper ending marks
* Practice writing letters, thank you notes, invitations, short stories
* Practice writing name: first and last
* Practice finishing a writing prompt: EX. Today I went to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Practice journal writing
* Practice writing all letters and numbers
* Use these great sights for resources: [www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org) [www.handwritingworksheets.com](http://www.handwritingworksheets.com) [www.first-school.ws/theme/**handwriting**.htm](http://www.first-school.ws/theme/handwriting.htm)