

Dear Parents of First Graders,

Thank you for being a part of Providence Christian Academy! We hope your experience is joyful. Listed below are the Summer Reading Requirements and suggestions in making this a positive experience for your child. You will also see some academic and social skills to help your child with to ensure the transition into First Grade is a positive one!

Summer Reading Suggestions

In this packet you will find the First Grade Literature List. Your child will choose books from this list to do his/her Summer Book Report. The following are suggestions to help with your Summer Reading:

- **Make it fun!** Make this a very special time to snuggle with your child and read a great book. We would encourage you to get involved with the Linebaugh Public Library Summer Reading Program or the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program.
- **Share the reading time.** You are welcome to read along with your child.
- **Be theatrical.** Be sure to add fun sound effects and differing voices for the characters as you read the story!
- **Reward great reading.** We would suggest rewarding your child for a specific amount of books read. You may encourage them to read for a picnic at the park or an ice cream cone! Most children love a challenge!
- **Ask questions.** As you and your child are reading, ask your child questions about the book: "Who are the characters in the story?" "Where do you think the story takes place?" "What was your favorite part of the story?"

Other Skills Helpful for Success:

***Shoes**- Encourage your child to tie his/her shoes independently.

***Clock Face**- Introduce your child to the clock face. Help them to recognize the sequence of numbers and to identify two different hands on the clock. We will be teaching them how to tell time to the hour and half-hour.

***Money**- As you purchase items or clean out your billfold, expose your child to the different coins. Help him/her to identify a penny, nickel, dime and quarter. We will be learning the value of these coins and learning how to count money.

***Counting**- Your child should practice counting by ones (1-100), even/odd numbers, counting by fives and tens.

***Naps**- The summer is a great time to "phase out" naps. Coming to school for a whole day is a VERY difficult transition for the children. Phasing them out of naps is a good way to help prepare their bodies to adjust to the longer day.

We are looking forward to a great year with you and your child!

Blessings, First Grade Teachers