



## **Summer Learning Activities for Rising Grade 1 Students**

Dear (Almost) First Graders and Families,

Summertime is an opportunity to play in the water, climb trees, snuggle in bed with books, and explore God's world! We hope this list of summer learning activities helps you keep the love of learning alive this summer. As always, keep your learning projects joyful, active, and meaningful. Have fun learning and exploring together. We wish you a fantastic summer!

This handout contains resources and ideas compiled by your kindergarten teachers to help as students transition to grade 1 in the fall. Returning students may also access their Freckle accounts.

Love,

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## MATH

- **Skip Counting:**
  - Count by 2's (even and odd numbers), 5's and 10's while bouncing a ball or playing catch, jumping rope, playing hotch scotch, etc.
- **Creating in the Kitchen:**
  - Practice measurement and introduce fractions while cooking together in the kitchen!
- **Patterns and Symmetry Search:**
  - While exploring outdoors, be on the lookout for patterns and symmetry in God's creation.
- **Dice games:**
  - Add It Up (2 players): Each player rolls a dice at the same time. The first person to find the sum of both dice earns a point. The first to 10 points wins!
  - Make Me! (1+ players): Roll two dice. Use one as the tens digit and the other as the ones. Write down as many number sentences as you can to make the rolled number.
  - Take Away (2 players): Each player rolls a dice at the same time. The first person to find the difference of the dice earns a point. The first to 10 points wins!
  - Get to ZERO! (2+ players): Each player starts with the score 15. On a player's turn, they roll one dice and subtract that number from 15. Continue in that fashion until one player gets down to zero. The first to zero wins!
- **Play "Make Ten"**
  - Fluently knowing pairs of numbers that add up to 10 will help your child tremendously in first grade. Find a number less than 10, and then have your child find the number that can be added to it to make 10. For example, you might see the number "3" on a billboard and say, "I see the number 3. What other number would we need to make 10?" (seven) "Let's look for the number 7!" Try this with numbers that add up to 20, 30, etc.
- **Math Hike**
  - Take a math hike and look for different geometric shapes. Record and graph daily temperature highs and lows, the growth of a plant, or the amount of rainfall.

## LITERACY/WRITING

- **Library Book Clubs**
  - Check out your local King County Library branch for details regarding summer reading challenges! Many branches are opening up and almost all are offering streamlined pick-up processes.
  - Participate in the Bear Creek Libraries' Summer Reading Program by completing the AR Challenge or Checklist Challenge to earn a free dress day in the fall.
- **Daily reading**
  - Continue your daily 20 minutes of reading. Set a goal at the beginning of each month and see how many minutes you can read throughout July and August.
- **Journal**
  - Write about your days or any adventures or trips you take.
  - Keep a journal of all the books you and your family read together. Draw a picture of your favorite character and write about why you like it.
- **Write a letter**
  - Write "Thank you" notes and "I love you" cards and mail them to your family and friends.
- ***The ABC Sign Language and Phonics Song***
  - Teach *The ABC Sign Language and Phonics Song* to someone in your family or neighborhood.
- **Cozy Reading Nook**
  - Find a cozy reading nook somewhere in your home. Enjoy reading and rereading some favorite books there every day.

## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

- **Maintain routine**
  - Encourage your child to maintain healthy routines in the morning and upon bedtime, but also throughout the day such as cleaning up after playtime, meals, etc.
- **Taking turns**
  - Play games and offer opportunities for your child to practice taking turns with a family member or friend.
- **Identify emotions**
  - While reading books or watching movies, discuss different emotions that you come across and offer a space to answer your child's questions.

## BIBLE/CROSS-CURRICULAR IDEAS

- **Read your Bible** to your siblings or parents.
- **Collect many kinds of leaves and rocks** in your neighborhood. How many different ones can you find? How are they alike and different? Tell someone what you learned about leaves or rocks. Learn Psalm 62:2, “He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.”
- **Clean out your old toys and clothes** and donate the things you no longer use to someone else that could use them. Acts 2:45 says, “Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.”
- **Help plant a garden.** Pull weeds and watch the plants grow. Write about your observations in a garden journal. Read Jesus’ parable about the Mustard Seed (Matt. 13:24).
- **Sleep outside under the stars.** Recite star poems and sing *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*.
- **Ask your parents to tell you stories** about what they did during summers when they were children.
- **Teach someone younger how to say several poems.** Use your Kindergarten Notebook to remember them!
- Ask your parents for chalk. **Draw pictures on the sidewalk.** Have a picture take of you and your chalk creation.
- Ask your family to take pictures of the activities you do this summer. **Make a special book with photos** and write captions to explain what’s happening in each picture.
- **Help your Mom or Dad make a salad or dessert!**
- **Put on a puppet show** for your family or the neighborhood children—and parents too.
- **Blow bubbles.** Watch them float and pop. Count how many you make!
- **Sing family songs.** Create a family songbook to read and sing from.
- **Eat ice cream.** Try new flavors. Which is your favorite and why?
- **Keep track of all the birds you see in your back yard** or the neighborhood. Talk to your parents about them and learn some different bird calls. Check out a bird book from the library.
- **Take a “flower walk.”** Draw pictures of flowers that you notice and label their parts (roots, stem, leaves and petals). See if an adult friend can help you name them and label your pictures – this could even become a book!
- **Play ball-catching games.** Learn to kick, bounce, and throw many kinds of balls.
- Jump rope, skip, sing, and **dance every day** – or at least every other day.
- Help your family **create an art and writing center** for you.

- **See how many different fruits and vegetables you can eat** over the summer. Learn about the nutrients they provide. Make a list!
- **Help your family make a grocery list.** Go shopping and check off each item as you find them.
- Read joke books. **Tell jokes to your family and friends.**
- **Take walks and look at the stars.** Which constellations can you find: Orion? The Big Dipper?
- **Write a message to your Mom or Dad every day.** They will write you back!