



Dear Parents,

We find it hard to believe that the year is coming to a close already. It seems like just yesterday the children were arriving for their first day of kindergarten. We were all a bit nervous and very excited about the adventures and learning this year would bring.

We have been blessed with a wonderful year together, even though it came to an unconventional end. We have enjoyed learning, playing and praying together. We have become a big family, and we have looked forward to seeing each other every day.

We have enjoyed getting to know the children. They are curious, energetic, kind and creative. They are eager to learn and excited about their accomplishments. We were privileged to have the opportunity to help them learn and grow. We will miss them!

Thank you for your support this year. We appreciate your kind words, your support of the gifts of gratitude, your generosity and the gift of your time helping your child at home, especially during 4th quarter with learning at home. We couldn't have accomplished as much without you.

We are sad to not be able to give our end of the year hug, but we wish you and your child the very best. We hope you have a safe, fun and relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing you and your family at Sunday Mass when it returns. We will keep you all in our prayers.

Fondly,

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We would love to hear from you over the summer:

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Summer Activities

1. Enroll in the summer reading program at the library. Help your child get his/her very own library card. Make reading and visiting the library one of your regular summer routines when they open.
2. Have your child journal about his/her summer adventures. Draw a picture, label the picture and write sentences describing his/her adventures.
3. Have your child make a mini-scrapbook of his/her summer adventures. Remember not to fix it to make it perfect. Give him/her pictures, glue, stickers and encourage him/her to create and label independently.
4. If you are on vacation, have your child write postcards and send them to family and friends (or your teachers).
5. Read! Read! Read! Read to your child and have him/her read to you. On the last page, two bookmarks have been provided if you would like to use them this summer. The first is a list of strategies for your child to use when stuck on a tricky word while reading. Help your child refer to it as we have done in school. The second chart provides some simple comprehension questions to answer after reading. Try these with your child.
6. Encourage your child to retell stories to you. This will support his/her comprehension. Encourage him/her to retell books, movies, TV shows, etc.
7. Encourage your child to write. Have your child write your shopping list, letters to friends, letters to grandparents, and letters to his or her kindergarten teachers. Let him/her sound out the words independently. If he/she is really concerned about perfect spelling, have him/her try it first and then show him/her the needed changes. Focus on the correct part he/she figured out.
8. Notice the math in everyday life. Baking cookies, making lemonade, and playing with water and cups outside on a hot day are all ways to explore math concepts in fun ways. A simple bag of Skittles can review sorting, graphing, adding and subtracting. It is amazing how fun and yummy math can be. Practice counting by 1's, 5's and 10's to 100. Write your own story problems for addition and subtraction.
9. Keep using IReady to practice math facts.
10. Practice subtraction and addition math facts for fluency.
11. Keep red words, the alphabet/sounds and numerals fresh in your child's mind by consistently practicing in fun ways.
12. Build small motor strength. Play-doh is fun and very beneficial! Practice cutting by using your imagination to create all kinds of things. Practice tying shoes, buttoning and zipping.
13. Practice your prayers. Try to say a prayer each day. Bring your child to Mass on Sunday or watch on Youtube or Facebook Live until the church reopens.
14. Please have your child continue to read on Raz-Kids. We would love to see them continue this all summer. The first grade teachers will be thrilled to see this! We will share your child's participation with his or her first grade teacher. If you notice that your child is progressing quickly through levels and the books are becoming too difficult, have your child reread some of the previous books again in the "book room" on Raz-Kids. Literacy Footprints is available through June as well. You can also find online readers at <https://portal.flyleafpublishing.com/learners-resources/>
15. Go on adventures and explore God's creation. Pay attention to animals, plants, weather and the night sky. Have discussions about what you notice. Enjoy the summer opportunities to learn science.
16. Practice tying shoes.
17. Let your child use old materials or recyclables to build an invention.
18. Have your child research something that is really interesting to him/her.
19. Build a model of what you researched.
20. Spend a whole day with no screens.

Have a great summer of good health, relaxation and fun learning!

Stuck on a Word?



Eagle Eye

Look at the picture for clues.



Fish Lips

Say the first sound.



Stretchy Snake

Stretch out the sounds.



Chunky Monkey

Look for word chunks (ing, oy)



Skip it! Skip it!

Skip the word and read on.



Trying Lion

Try reading again. What makes sense?



Flipper

Flip the vowels; try the other vowel sound.



Hop! Hop!

If you've tried everything, hop for help.

