



# St. Frances Cabrini CATHOLIC SCHOOL

An Independence Mission School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the first grade! I am so excited to help navigate your student into their new classroom this September. Before our journey together begins, there are a few things I need to communicate to you regarding summer work.

As school is out for the summer, we need to make sure your young learner's brain continues to get the fuel that it needs to prevent "learning loss". This happens when all the hard work they have done throughout the year begins to slip as a result of loss of momentum. As a result, 3 assignments are requested, all of which will be due on the first day of school.

1. Summer Reading
2. Book Report
3. Letter & Sound Recognition

## **Summer Reading**

Your child will need to read 10 books this summer. The following is a recommended list (in no particular order) for rising first graders, though please feel free to search beyond this list!

- *Pete the Cat* by Eric Litwin and James Dean
- *Secret Pizza Party* by Adam Rubin
- *Saturday* by Oge Mora
- *The Bear and the Moon* by Matthew Burgess
- *High Five* by Adam Rubin
- *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade* by Stephanie Green
- *Anything* by Laura Numeroff
- *Anything* by Eric Carle
- *Anything* by Dr. Seuss

\*\* A summer reading log has been provided to complete this assignment. Please note that if your learner selects a book that they are having difficulty reading, they may listen to the book on Youtube. Your student will receive a sticker from me in September for each book read/listened to :)

If you are having difficulty with finding books, consider utilizing Youtube, GetEpic.com, or your local library.

### **Book Report**

After your child has completed their summer reading log, they will need to choose ONE of the books read to complete a book report. The layout for the book report has been provided along with this letter.

### **Letter & Sound Recognition**

Please have your student practice recognizing letters and their sounds throughout the summer.

\*\*Although this portion of the summer assignment will not be handed in or graded, students should practice recognizing the letters and their sounds daily, or as often as possible!

The following is a list of free and encouraged resources that students can learn from at their own pace.

- Youtube Video: Phonics Song by Gracie's Corner <https://youtu.be/ptk68qC1woI>
- Apps:
  - ABC Kids
  - Starfall ABCs
  - Khan Academy Kids
- Websites:
  - SplashLearn.com (Letter Sounds Games for Kids)
  - ReadingRockets.org (Search website for "Letters and Sounds: Practical Ideas for Parents")

I can't wait to get to meet your student in the fall and witness their hard work!

Ms. Kelly