

Dear Kindergarten Parents:

This is my final letter to you! I want to say that I have had a spectacular year and I have loved getting to know each and every student in this class. You all have a child that is unique, interesting, and a joy to have in class. I will miss ALL of their smiling faces!

Remember, the summer program will be open as soon as school is out and drop-ins are welcome.

I will be sending a few things home that I wish to explain. First, I will be sending home a Dolch Sight Word List with suggestions on the back. The list of suggestions is there to give you an idea of what to work with your child on this summer. They are there to keep your child's memory fresh on things discussed in class so they are especially prepared for First Grade. The sight words are also there for this reason. Work with your children on these words because it will help them read with ease. Start with making sure they know the preprimer and primer. Over the summer I would focus on the First Grade words and move up from there.

However, if you do nothing else this summer, have a good time and pick up a few good books. These children enjoy books and they love to show off their skills in reading. Let them read to you! Biscuit books (about Biscuit the dog), Puppy Mudge books, and any book that says, "I Can Read" on them, are great beginning books for kids. If your child is still an emergent reader, it's okay to start easy because it builds confidence. If your child is reading well then you will have even more fun listening to them enjoy stories that you may remember enjoying!

I will genuinely miss you all this summer and I hope to see all those beautiful smiles back next year! First Grade is full of lots of fun and great adventures! Have a GREAT summer!!!

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!!!

Love,
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