



VIRGINIA BEACH
FRIENDS SCHOOL

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Early School and Rising Kindergarten Summer Packet

Dear Parents,

We have learned so much this year:

- Identifying letters
- Writing letters, names, and some words
- Rhyming words
- Identifying numerals
- Counting objects to 1-20
- Making patterns
- Identifying shapes
- Sorting

Enclosed in this packet are activities that you can do with your child this summer to help review things your child has learned in school this year. Continue to review letters, numbers, counting, name writing, etc. so that your child will retain it during the summer months.

Enclosed in the packet are:

- Activities
- Websites
- Books to check out at the library
- Reading BINGO
- Rhyming word cards for matching

Thanks for a great year and have a great summer!

Early School Summer Reading List

June

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, by Mo Willems

The Pigeon Wants a Hotdog, by Mo Willems

The Pigeon Wants a Puppy, by Mo Willems

Knuffle Bunny, by Mo Willems

Pete the Cate: I Love My White Shoes, by Eric Litwin

July

Don't let the Pigeon Stay Up Late, by Mo Willems

Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes, by Eric Litwin

The Little Red Hen, retold by Jerry Pinkney

A House for Hermit Crab, by Eric Carle

The Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle

August

The Kissing Hand, by Audrey Penn

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, by Joseph Slate

Off to Kindergarten, by Tony Johnston

Kindergarten is Cool, by Linda Elovitz Marshall

Corduroy, by Don Freeman

Early School Summer Activities

Fine Motor Skills:

Scissors and Play-dough

Let your child use scissors to cut play-dough. This helps build fine motor strength and also helps them to learn to use scissors.

Magazine Collage

Cut pictures from magazines and glue them onto a piece of construction paper. You can have your child cut out certain things, such as “things that begin with a certain letter” or “red things” or “ocean animals”, etc.

Lacing

You can make your own lacing tools at home with cardstock, hole puncher and yarn (shoe laces) or they are available at most stores. Have your child practice lacing the yarn or shoe laces through the holes.

Literacy

Make an at-home writing kit for your child to practice writing:

Pens	Colored Pencils	Thin Markers
Plain White Paper	Colored Copy Paper	Envelopes
Stapler	Tape	Dry Erase Board
Magna Doodle	Notepads	Index Cards

Pipe Cleaner Letters

Use pipe cleaners to form letters by bending them

Letter memory Game

Place 2-4 letter magnets (or paper with letters written on them) on a tray. Cover them up with a cloth and take one away. Uncover the cloth, and ask your child which one is missing. You can also have your child write the letter on a piece of paper or dry erase board.

Letter Sound Basket

Give your child a basket and ask him or her to collect objects from around the house that begin with that particular letter.

Math

Candy Math

Have your child use colored candy, such as gummies, M & M's, Skittles, Jelly Beans, etc. Use them for sorting, counting, and pattern activities.

Number Basketball

Write numbers on pieces of paper and place them on the floor, Place a trash can nearby. Call out a number for your child to find, crumble up and toss into trash can.

Path

These games are great for counting practice because a child rolls the dice or spins a spinner and counts how many spaces to move. You can buy these path games or create your own!

Science

Make a Science Kit

Seashells

Rock Collection

Kaleidoscopes

Magnets

Magnifying Glass

Bug Box/Critter Cage

Binoculars

Science Journal

Thin Markers

Nature Walk

Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood or in the woods. Collect small sticks, rocks, leaves and wildflowers,. You can make a nature collage or draw and write about them in their journal.

Magnets

Let your child experiment with various objects and classify them as magnetic or non-magnetic. You can use a paper clip, screw, penny, pen cap, cork, crayon, etc.

Educational Websites:

www.starfall.com

www.literacycenter.net

www.janbrett.com

www.abcya.com