



VIRGINIA BEACH
FRIENDS SCHOOL

Knowledge. Character. Community.

Rising 1st Grade Summer Enrichment 2021

Happy Summer! This is an important time to help your child maintain the growth that occurred this past school year. Reinforcing math and reading skills over the summer break will ensure that your child will not regress in their academics. Choose a few of the following activities to focus on each week.

Literacy and Math Enrichment Activities

WRITING- Pick 2 of the choices below to complete over the summer and share with me when we return to school in the fall. Encourage your writer to spell the best they can. They can try to say a word slowly and count how many words are in the sound. Then, they can identify each sound they hear. Ways to write creatively:

1. Make a menu for a pretend restaurant- What's for dinner tonight? Have your child write a menu for what you are having for dinner, or choices for what will be served. They can even practice writing dollar amounts for the cost of each item.
2. Write letters- Have your child write letters to friends and family far away or even to other members of the household.
3. Write a story and turn it into a book with a cover and illustrations- This can be a fun, creative activity! It can even be made into a comic strip/graphic novel.
4. Write a story using photos for the pictures- You can use toys to create a story by setting up some scenes and photographing them. Then, print out the pictures, and have your child write a story to go with the pictures.
5. Write a play to act out- record it in a video when finished and share!

READING- Practice reading at least 20 minutes a day! This truly is the most important thing you can do with your child this summer. Try a combination of the child reading books on their level, and/or reading a chapter book together where you read aloud and discuss the characters and plot of the story. This is an incredible way to bond and is the most beneficial in their growth in reading. Try reading many different types of stories. For example: nonfiction,

graphic novels, chapter books, books in a series, etc. *Keep a log of all the books you read. This log should include the title of the book, date started, date finished, and your rating of the book (on a scale of 1-5, or draw 1-5 stars).* This will help you keep track of what you've read and you can look back at the log and share your favorites with your friends when returning to school! You will also be amazed at how many books you can read in one summer!

SIGHT WORDS- Using the Dolch Sight Word list (can be found through google search), *practice reading, spelling, and writing all words from the list.* In Superkids, we call these Memory Words. These are words that students should work to learn by heart how to spell and read. They are different from other spelling words because they don't typically follow a spelling pattern we've learned. They can be practiced in the same way we've practiced other words, by counting the sounds in each word and then writing each sound. For example, the word "said" has three sounds. Students can identify the beginning and end sounds, but the middle sound is what they have to memorize how to spell. You can start at the kindergarten list and if your child is ready, they can move to the next lists. Here are some fun ways to practice:

1. Make two sets of cards and play memory.
2. Hang up two sight words and race a family member across the room to read the sight word in "your lane."
3. Go on a sight word scavenger hunt by hiding flashcards around the house.
4. Play Sight Word War- each player turns over a sight word and whoever reads the sight word first wins both cards.
5. Make a Bingo board and play Bingo with the sight words.
6. Create a word search puzzle on www.puzzlemaker.com
7. Make an extra set of cards and play Go Fish.
8. Make a Tic Tac Toe Board with the sight words.
9. Flashlight words- tape the words up on the ceiling and turn off the lights. Use the flashlight to read the words.
10. Make the words using play dough, legos, shaving cream, blocks, toy cars, etc.

MATH- Important topics to practice and review:

1. Place value- to the hundreds place
2. Comparing numbers- numbers 1-100
3. Count by 5's and 10's to 100
4. Telling time to the hour
5. Addition and subtraction facts to 10
6. Identifying and counting coins and bills
7. Identify patterns
8. Measure in inches and feet

Additional Optional Enrichment Activities

Summer Reading Programs:

- Scholastic Summer Reading - [Scholastic Summer Reading](#)
- Virginia Beach Public Library- [Reading Challenges](#) - Earn badges and win prizes.

Additional Resources:

- [Tynker!](#) - An incredibly fun way for kids to start learning computer programming through coding!
- [Education.com](#)
- [San Diego Zoo](#) - Zoos across the country have awesome websites with games, activities, live cams, and special information about the animals.
- [ABCYA!](#) - The best collection of educational computer games out there!
- [Virginia Trekkers](#) - Students will have a blast exploring this website that has a group of friends that travel across VA to explore historical spots and natural landmarks.