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A Jesuit Elementary School | Preschool-8th Grade



Dear Parents of Incoming First Grade students,

Please read daily with your child in an area of their interest and if you can find rhyming books you will get the most out of your reading time. You can Google the best rhyming books for young children and easily find one in an area your child likes. Let your child supply the rhyme. Check them out from your local library.

To promote counting and social skills, play board games with your child. We suggest Trouble, Candyland and Sorry.

To reinforce upper and lowercase letter recognition please play the matching game, Concentration, with your child. Break the alphabet into smaller groups of six to eight letters and have your child match them. Practice math flash cards to ten and practice number writing and recognition.

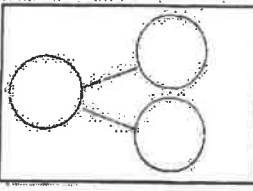



Other fun things you can do are card games, cooking, saying nursery rhymes, counting the stoplights, I spy (to give clues) and counting the steps from the car to the store.

Enjoy your summer!

The 1st Grade Teachers

On the next page is an optional bingo board the kids can do if they choose over the summer.

Getting Ready for 1st Grade!

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<p>Play "Make Ten".</p> 	<p>Go on a 3D Shape Hunt</p>  <p>looking for spheres, cylinders, cones and cubes.</p>	 <p>Help set the table. Make place cards with a special message for each dinner guest.</p>	<p>Make a book and share it with a friend.</p> 	 <p>Read an animal book - then visit the zoo.</p>
<p>Explore patterns on the "Hundred Chart".</p> 	<p>Model squares, circles, triangles, rectangles and hexagons using sticks and string.</p> 	 <p>Put together a puzzle.</p>	<p>Make a photo journal of an activity.</p> 	<p>"Book Talk" After reading a book, share your favorite part with a special friend.</p>
<p>Practice the fact families for making 5 and 10 using your number bonds.</p> 	<p>Build something with blocks or Legos then draw a picture of what you built.</p> 	<p>FREE SPACE</p> <p>Make your own activity.</p>	<p>Read an Aesop's Fable and talk about the lesson.</p> 	<p>Cook or make something to eat. Then write out the recipe.</p> 
<p>Write a Math Story about joining, separating or comparing.</p> 	<p>Play "How Many Steps?"</p> 	 <p>Make a play with puppets.</p>	<p>Read a bible story with your family.</p> 	 <p>Visit the library and get a library card.</p>
<p>Jump rope, bounce a ball or hop and count up to 100 by 10s then down to 0.</p> 	 <p>Measure things and people using your own units (e.g. paper clip, playing card, soup can).</p>	<p>Write a prayer for the family and read it before dinner.</p> 	<p>Write and illustrate a Blessings Book.</p> 	<p>Research and read about things before your vacation.</p> 