

Dear Parents,

Your child has worked so hard and accomplished so much, and each of us feels blessed to have been a part of his or her spiritual and educational journey this year!

Many parents often ask what else they can do to help their child stay sharp-minded during the summer months, so we've attached some helpful tips, websites, book suggestions, math games, and literacy activities. We also encourage you to read every day with your child. This gives your child the opportunity to practice what he or she has learned throughout the school year.

Reading

- <https://www.getepic.com/> This is like Netflix for books! Thousands of books are available online and sometimes during the summer, you may sign up for free monthly access.
- <https://www.arbookfind.com/> This is a tool for you to find books in your child's reading level and subject area. By looking at their AR reading level from the results included in the summer work, you can find books in their range. You can continue using this throughout the summer and into next school year. Of course not every book is part of Accelerated Reader. Your child will continue to use this program throughout their career at CLS.
- When your child is listening to a story being read to them, check in with them about their comprehension. Ask questions such as:
 - Who are the characters?
 - What is the setting of the story?
 - What is the problem in the story?
 - How does the problem get fixed?
- Here are some book suggestions:**
- Authors we recommend
 - Peter H Reynolds
 - Arnold Lobel
 - Cynthia Rylant
 - Jan Brett
 - Kevin Henkes

www.phoenixpubliclibrary.com/kids

www.maricopacountyreads.org

Math

Math is often a use it, or lose it academic area. We would encourage weekly math fact practice (addition, addition with doubles, subtraction) using a deck of cards, or App games. With a deck of cards, you can play Addition or Subtraction War. Deal out all the cards and each player flips over two cards from their deck. Add or subtract. Whoever has the greatest sum or product keeps all the cards. Whoever has the most cards in the end, wins!

Here are some sites that review math topics, too.

Coolmath <http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

ABCya <http://www.abcya.com>

Prodigy <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/parents>

Splash Math www.splashlearn.com

Math facts www.sumdog.com

Workbook Options

These can be completed with a babysitter, a parent, done during quiet time or on the go if you're traveling. All can be purchased on Amazon, but the websites tell more about each.

Summer Learning Head Start

<https://www.lumoslearning.com/llwp/parents/summer-learning-headstart-book.html>

Handwriting Without Tears (letter formation and writing practice)

*Also on Amazon

www.lwtears.com

SECOND EDITION

LEVEL 1: TRICK WORDS (in alphabetical order)

Total Words: 93

a	is	they
about	little	to
also	look	too
and	many	try
another	may	two
any	me	very
are	month	want
as	Mr.	was
be	Mrs.	water
been	my	way
being	new	we
between	none	were
by	nothing	what
called	now	when
come	number	where
could	of	who
day	one	why
do	or	word
does	other	work
down	our	would
each	out	write
first	over	you
for	own	your
friend	people	
from	put	
good	said	
has	say	
have	says	
he	see	
her	she	
here	should	
his	some	
how	the	
I	their	
into	there	

These are the trick words that students should be able to spell by the end of 1st grade. Please continue to practice. :)