



## **SUMMER WORK FOR KINDERGARTENERS GOING INTO FIRST GRADE**

Dear Parents,

During the summer learning should not end. Even the best student may take a few steps backwards. That is why your child will be asked to practice the skills he/she learned this year. Here are some suggestions to help your child avoid the “summer slide” and return to school ready for a new year of learning.

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

1. READ AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE. Have your child read both fiction and non-fiction books. **Your child will be asked to write two book reports (use the attached forms). The first-grade teacher will collect them during the first week of school.**
2. Create rhyme families and have your child read them (Ex: hat cat mat **or** Ben ten pen). Also have them try to write their own rhyme family.
3. Practice the sounds of each letter in the alphabet. Your child should be able to tell you the beginning and/or ending sound in a word.
4. Have your child keep a writing journal. They can draw pictures and write sentences about their picture. Encourage them to use “invented spelling”. This is where they try to spell words by sounding them out and writing the letters they hear. Then an adult asks them to read what they wrote and writes the sentence correctly for them underneath their attempt. Your child can then compare their “invented spelling” to the correct spelling.

### **MATH**

1. Your child should be able to recognize, write and count groups up to 31
  - Make flash cards of the numbers and have your child read the numbers to you
  - Call out numbers at random and have your child write them

- Make a BINGO game board, call out number and have your child find it
  - Have them count groups of objects and tell and/or write how many there are
2. Make flash cards of addition and subtraction facts to 10

## HANDWRITING

1. Practice writing first and last name
2. Practice writing upper and lowercase forms of the letters of the alphabet and the numbers

**I-READY** (for children who are returning to Holy Family CA from kindergarten or transferring from another Catholic school in the Brooklyn/Queens diocese)

Please have your child work on I-Ready. They should spend an hour a week (30 minutes in Math & 30 minutes in Reading) following their lesson path. They should have a total of 4 hours in Math and 4 hours in Reading by the end of the summer vacation.

## FREE WEBSITES TO PRACTICE MATH/ELA SKILLS

[teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://teachyourmonstertoread.com)

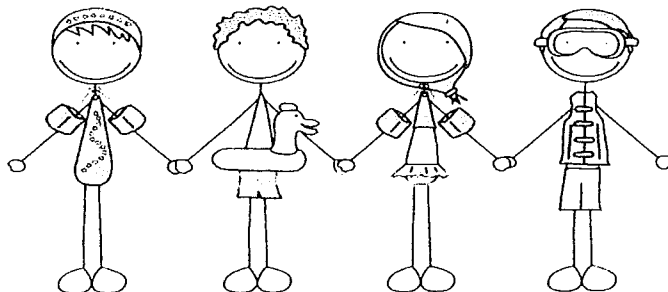
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Have a safe and fun summer!

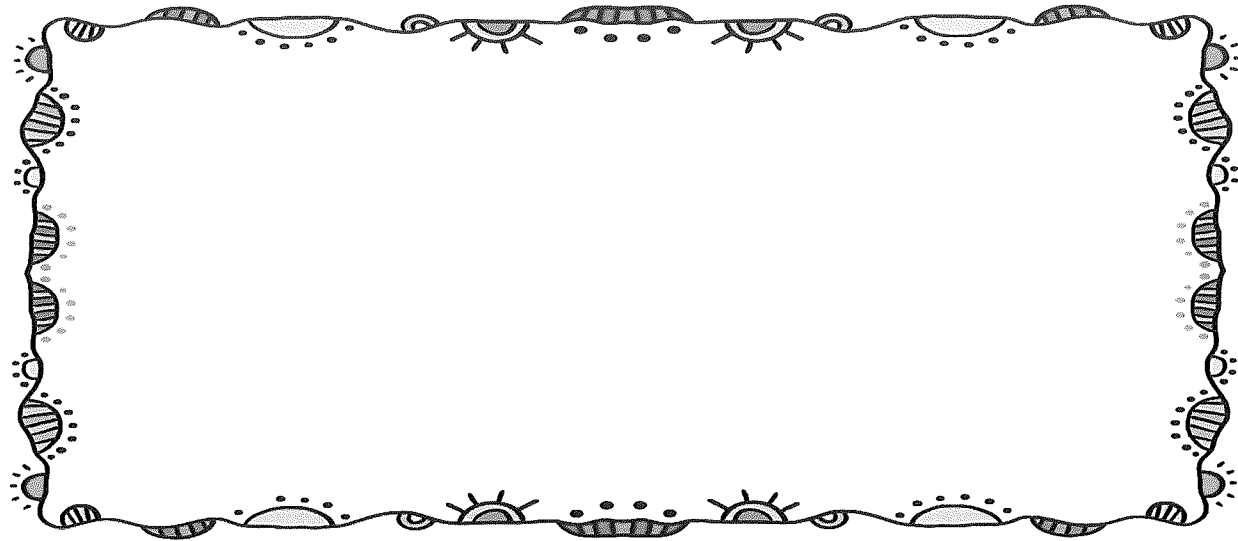


Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

(Draw and color a picture of your favorite character)



My favorite character was \_\_\_\_\_

(Write a sentence that tells something your character did in the story)

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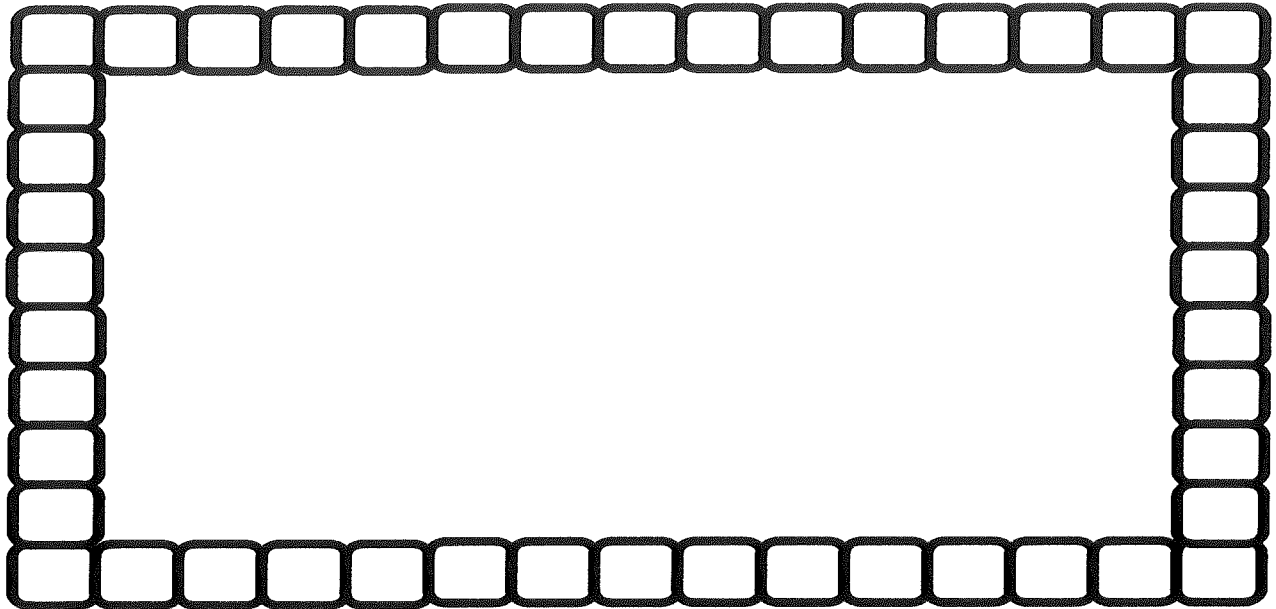
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Book Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author** \_\_\_\_\_

(Draw and color a picture of your favorite part of the story)



My favorite part of the story was \_\_\_\_\_

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