

You're on your way to First

The information provided below is designed to help you make sure that your child has the skills to be ready for first grade.

You bet I'm ready for First Grade!

Personal Needs Without Help: Can they...

- Put on and take off coat/shoes?
- Tie their own shoes?
- Open packets and containers for lunch?
- State their birthday?
- State their address and phone number?

Social Skills: Can they ...

- Accept responsibility for their choices/actions?
- Cooperate with other children?
- Work independently?
- Follow multi-step directions?
- Problem solve for basic problems/situations?

ELA Skills: Can they...

- Tell and retell familiar stories?
- Recognize/Write all upper and lower case letters?
- Produce the sounds that letters make?
- Write their first name and last name correctly (e.g., M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T)?
- Read basic sight words?
- Write 1-3 sentences with a capital, spacing between words and punctuation at the end?
- Blend and segment one syllable words (e.g., c-a-t, cat)?

Math Skills: Can they...

- Identify colors, shapes (2D and 3D) and sizes?
- Count to 100 by 1's and 10's?
- Write numbers up to 20?
- Count objects up to 20 and know the last number said is the number of objects?
- Add and subtract numbers within 10?
- Identify which group has more/less?
- Describe the position of items (above, below, next to, beside, behind, in front of)?
- Compose and decompose numbers within 20 (e.g., 19 is 10 and 9)?

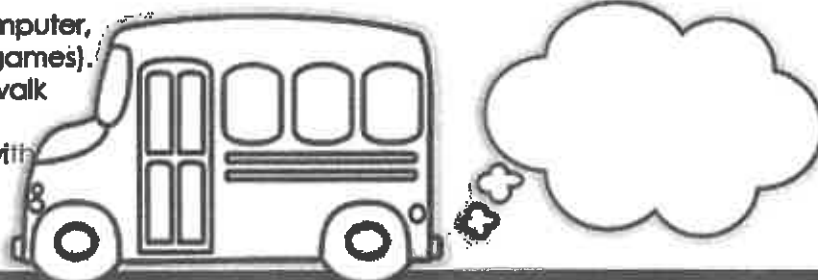
Additional Information

Summer Slide

- Children lose 2-3 months of academic knowledge during the summer.
- To help with the summer slide, have your child work on ELA and math skills at least 1 hour daily.
- Go to the library and check out books or read while there.
- Limit screen time (computer, tablet, phone, video games).
- Take a walk. On the walk count objects, notice shapes, and just talk with your child.

Educational Websites

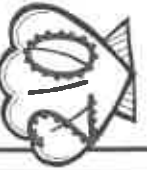
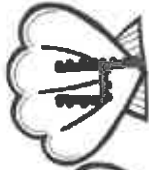
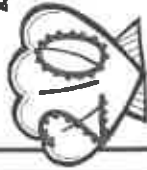
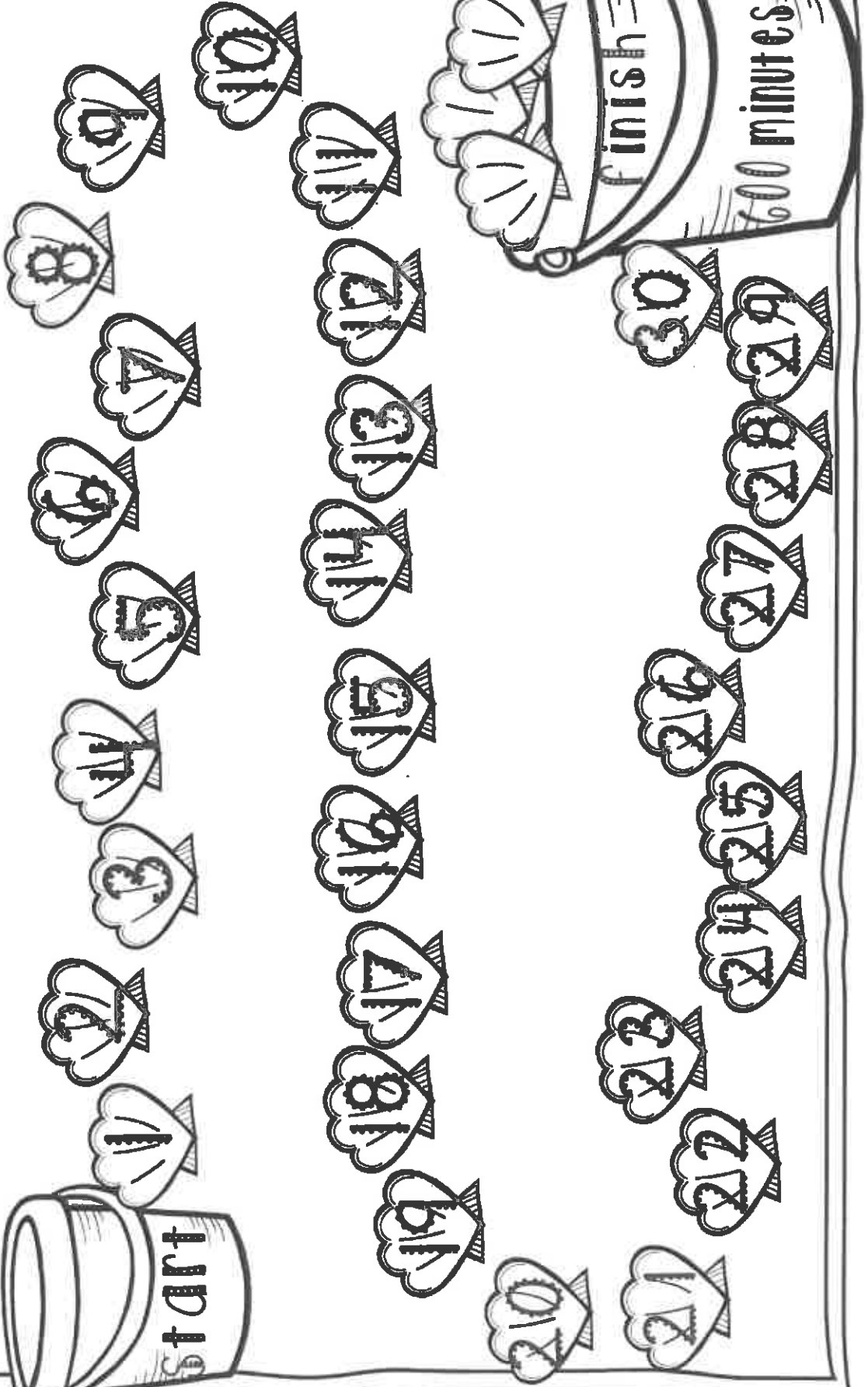
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June Reading Log

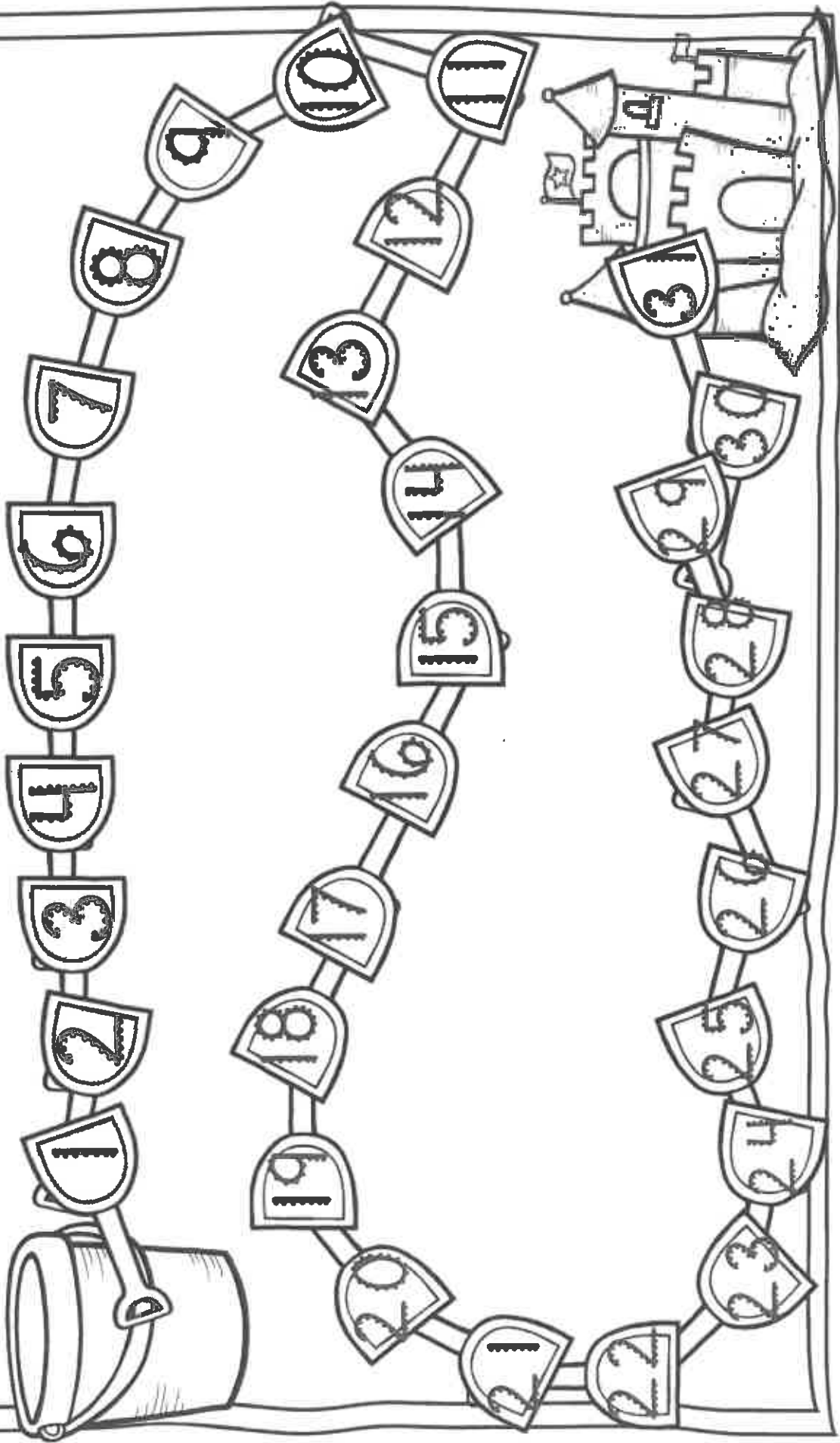
Color in a shell for every 20 minutes you read per day. Can you build a sand castle?



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JULY Reading Log

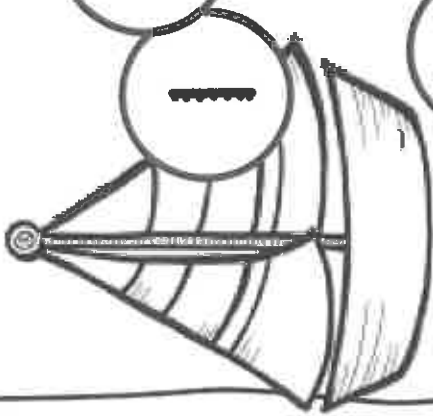
Color in a shovel for every 20 minutes you read per day. Can you build a sand castle?



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AUGUST Reading Log

Color in a bubble for every 20 minutes you read per day. Can you get the boat to the water?



A path of 31 numbered bubbles arranged in a winding line, starting from a sailboat at bubble 1 and ending at bubble 31. The bubbles are numbered 1 through 31 in order. The path starts with bubble 1, goes to 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and finally 31. The path ends at bubble 31, which is labeled 'finish' and '60 minutes!'.

finish

60 minutes!

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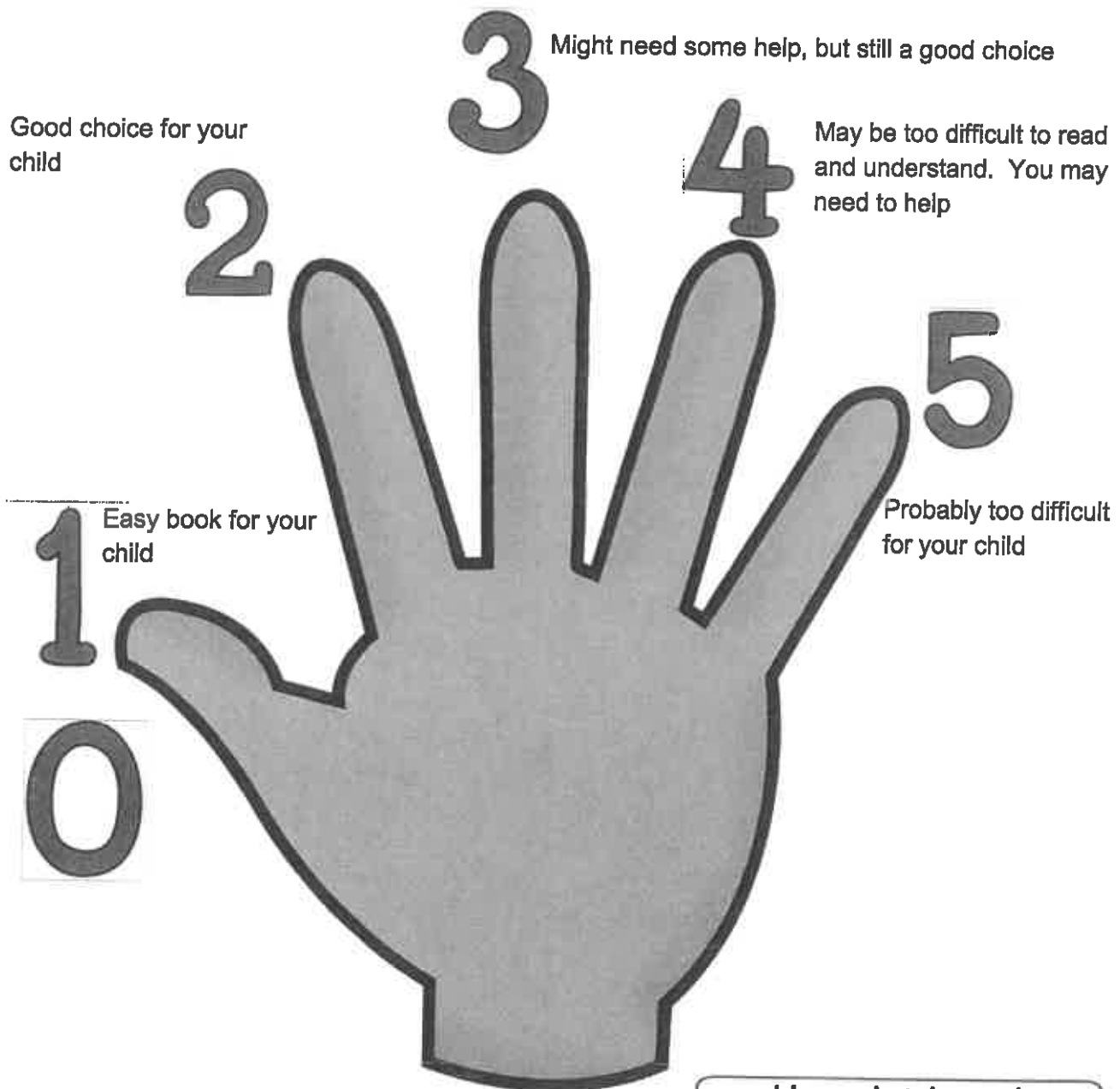
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Finding Right Fit Books

A "right fit" book is a book that your child can enjoy reading on their own. Reading just right books helps your child develop as a reader. To find a book that is just the right fit for your child, try using the five finger test.

Here's how it works: Turn to a page in the middle of the book. As your child reads, hold up a finger for every word he/she doesn't know. Use the following guidelines:



Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide—or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

- 1** Visit your local library! Help your child find “right fit” books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.
- 2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That’s huge! If reading isn’t one of your child’s top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.
- 3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
- 4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.
- 5** Read with your child —explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.
- 6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
- 7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the “8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities” on the Make, Take & Teach blog.
- 8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.

For more teaching ideas and activities be sure to visit our blog! www.blog.maketaketeach.com





Simple Ideas to Help Your Child Learn Sight Words



Sight words are words that often do not follow the traditional phonics rules. Therefore, a reader cannot "sound out" the word or use word-attack skills to read it. Since these words can't be sounded out they need to be learned by sight. These words appear frequently in all books. It is important for your child to learn these words and become automatic in identifying them. Having your child practice their sight words will provide them with an excellent base for reading.



Here are some fun ways to expose your child to sight words:

1. Cut out the provided sight words to create flashcards for your child to review.
2. If you carry a purse or a bag, place a set of the words inside of it. When you have to wait in line at the grocery store, bank, sitting in a restaurant, etc. take out the cards and review them.
3. Write the words your child needs to learn on sticky notes. Stick them anywhere your child goes! You can stick them on the wall near their bed to review before going to sleep and when waking up, in the bathroom to review while brushing their teeth, on the wall in the kitchen to review before dinner, etc.
4. Take words your child is having difficulty with and place them on the car seat back in front of your child. As you are driving, your child will be staring right at the words! You can ask him/her to read them to you.
5. Lay the words flat on the floor in a little path. Have your child read each word as they hop or step on them to follow the path. If you have stairs at home, put a word on each step and have your child say each words as they climb the stairs.
6. Make two sets of word cards and play "Memory" or "Go Fish" with them.
7. Lay 3-5 cards facing up so that your child can see them. Play rhyming games such as, "I'm thinking of a word that rhymes with me, but it begins with /w/" (we)
8. Play, "What's Missing." Lay 3-4 words on the table and have your child read the words and then close his/her eyes. Remove one of the words. Ask your child to open their eyes and identify the word that was missing. Then take a turn closing your eyes!
9. Download Sight Word Apps on your I-phone or I-pad!
10. Google "Sight Word Games" and let your child practice their sight words on the computer!



PRACTICING MATH FACT FLUENCY

Just as knowing letter sounds is fundamental in the ability for a child to learn how to read; a child must know their math facts in order to build a foundation to future math learning. In order to develop that good mathematical foundation; it is important that your child can solve the basic addition and subtraction facts **swiftly** and with **ease**. Please have your child practice their math facts often at home.

Here are some simple ideas to help your child practice their math facts at home and in fun ways:

- Purchase flashcards or cut apart the ones provided
- Find online games
 - Example: <http://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards.html>
- Practice rolling and adding dice and/or adding the dots on dominos
- Print timed worksheet practice pages from the internet
 - Example: <http://www.havefunteaching.com/worksheets/math-worksheets/>
- Download Iphone or Ipad Math Facts Apps

Kindergarten Sight Words

Level A

I

a

am

we

to

can

like

my

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with

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little

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Level B

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Level C

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SIMPLY FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS:

1. Read any eight books this summer and record them in this Summer Reading Journal. Tell us which part of the book is your favorite, and why.
2. Bring your completed journal to a Barnes & Noble store between May 15th and September 3rd, 2018.
3. Choose your free reading adventure from the books listed below.

GRADES 1 & 2

The Absent Author (A to Z Mysteries Series #1)	by Ron Roy
Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes (I Can Read! Series)	by Jane O'Connor
Flat Stanley at Bat (I Can Read! Series)	by Jeff Brown
Jorge el curioso construye una casa en un árbol (Curious George Builds a Tree House)	by H. A. Rey
Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch (My First I Can Read! Series)	by James Dean
Sunbeam's Shine (Unicorn Princesses Series #1)	by Emily Bliss
The Stories Julian Tells	by Ann Cameron
Weather (National Geographic Kids Series)	by Kristin Baird Rattini
Where Is the Amazon? (Where Is? Series)	by Sarah Fabiny

GRADES 3 & 4

The 13-Story Treehouse (The Treehouse Books Series #1)	by Andy Griffiths
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	by Roald Dahl
The Haunted House Next Door (Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol #1)	by Andres Miedoso
I Survived the American Revolution, 1776 (I Survived Series #15)	by Lauren Tarshis
Judy Moody and the Bucket List (Judy Moody Series #13)	by Megan McDonald
Judy Moody está de mal humor (Judy Moody Was in a Mood) (Judy Moody Series #1)	by Megan McDonald
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	by Robert C. O'Brien
The Trumpet of the Swan	by E. B. White

GRADES 5 & 6

Artemis Fowl	by Eoin Colfer
Book Scavenger (The Book Scavenger Series #1)	by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
The Fairy-Tale Detectives—10th Anniversary Edition (The Sisters Grimm Series #1)	by Michael Buckley
Greenglass House	by Kate Milford
Jack: The True Story of Jack & the Beanstalk	by Liesl Shurtliff
One for the Murphys	by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
A Tale Dark & Grimm (Grimm Series #1)	by Adam Gidwitz
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	by Grace Lin

THIS SUMMER READING JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

STUDENT NAME

SCHOOL

GRADE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

TEACHER KIT

Write the titles and authors of the books you've read in the boxes below. Tell us which part of the book is your favorite, and why.

1	Title/Author	
	Favorite Part	
2	Title/Author	
	Favorite Part	
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