

FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL *of* CHARLESTON

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Dear FBS Families,

As we close out another great school year, we want to ensure that all our valuable learning does not become a casualty to the “summer slide”. “If you don’t use it, you lose it!” Therefore, the teachers have worked hard to put together a meaningful, yet achievable, summer work packet. We know that doing school work over the summer is usually one of the last things students want to do, but we want to ensure that all the great material absorbed during the school year is retained and each student enters the new school year prepared. Research states that 2 months of reading skills and 2 ½ months of math skills are lost over a single summer. Please see the attached article for reference.

<https://www.idtech.com/blog/summer-slide-facts-for-productive-school-break>

This is a staggering statistic which is preventable. By completing this work over the course of the summer along with being sure to engage in some type of intentional learning for 2-3 hours a week, can prevent the summer slide.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to a great 2024-2025 school year.

Rising First Grade Packet Contents and Instructions

1) Suggested Reading

WHY? Reading with your child is the number one way to boost vocabulary and support the development of a life-long reader! We suggest reading with your child daily, as well as encouraging a quiet time and space each day for your child to read independently for at least 20 minutes (AT LEAST 4 times per week).

WHAT? Attached you will find a reading log. Please log books and minutes read throughout the summer weeks. Happy reading! (A good goal to strive for would be to read at least 20 minutes per day.) There is an attached list of suggested books if you need a good place to start!

2) **Red Words** High frequency words, found often in print that are not typically decodable phonetically. The expectation for each student entering first grade is to be able to read these words by sight and spell them accurately. These words will be assessed within the first few weeks of school and more will come home each week, to best build knowledge of these "heart words".

Suggestions to practice the list of red words:

- Print the list and have your child create a "word ring" of the ones they are not yet fluent with.
- Write those tricky ones with chalk in the driveway, play hangman, play tic tac toe using the words instead of x's and o's, build the words with magnetic letters, get a highlighter and highlight them in the newspaper, shape them with play dough, or use shaving cream to spell them out on a table top! Multiple exposures with multi-sensory experiences are best!

RED WORDS

Kindergarten Red Words			
*the	his	or	my
*is	see	what	off
*a	do	come	by
*and	her	down	she
*of	he	how	be
*to	put	very	who
*for	you	from	are
*I	so	*here	we
be	was	when	out
said	saw	now	would



First Baptist School Rising First Grade Summer Work - Math

I. IXL - (Highly encouraged) New students will receive an IXL login

- A. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math, language arts, science, and social studies practice across thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to South Carolina Standards.

To get your child started on your home computer, please follow these easy steps:

1. Go to <https://www.ixl.com/signin/firstbaptistsch>
2. Enter your child's username and password and click "Sign in."
3. Go to the summer math boost linked here and get started.
<https://www.ixl.com/community/IXL-Math-IXL-Summer-Boost-Grade-1.pdf>

II. Below are some hands-on activities that you can work on over the summer. You can print the resources pages attached or get your own manipulatives.

2D and 3D Shapes

- Flashcards
- Play games- Can you find the shape?
- Sort 2D and 3D shapes
- Can you tell me some real items shaped like a cylinder, cone, etc.?
- Place the cards around the house and go on a shape hunt.

10 Frame Practice

- Flashcards
- Play find the number
- Put ten frames in order
- Sort odd and even numbers

Numbers cards to 20

- Put cards in order by 2's, 5', 10's
- Put numbers in order to 20
- Play what comes before, after, or between
- Write numbers on the driveway with sidewalk chalk

100's Chart

- Practice filling in the 100's chart several times throughout the summer. If your child is struggling to fill in the chart, more practice may be necessary.

[Please find the link here for the hands-on activities.](#)