

### **Summer Learning Suggestions Packet**

According to the National Summer Learning Association, all children experience learning loss when they do not engage in educational activities over the summer. Studies show that average students lost nearly 30% of the skills gained over the previous year during the summer months. With the new standards and higher learning expectations, it is imperative that your child engage in learning activities over the summer to maintain and enhance what they have learned over the school year.

The Kindergarten team has come up with a packet of suggestions that you can use with your child over summer.

Have a wonderful and safe summer,

The Kindergarten Team

## Reading and Writing Suggestions

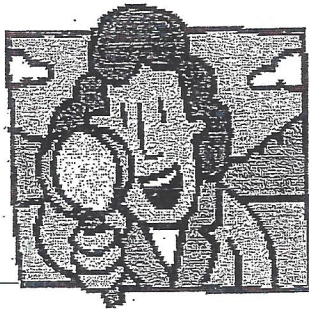
Remember to add details in writing (who, what, when, where, why) and pictures (to go with the writing and add color), use capital letters when needed, space between words, punctuation.

1. **Journaling-** Have your child keep a journal and write about things they do over the summer such as play dates, activities at home, vacations/trips, etc.
2. **Story Writing-** Have your child write a story with a beginning, middle, and ending.
3. **Writing Facts-** Have your child read nonfiction texts and write about the facts they learned.
4. **Read and Respond-** It is important for your child to be reading daily. Reading can open up writing opportunities. After they read a book or chapter, have them write a response to what they read. You can even ask them to write about something specifically such as the book's main idea, details, character, setting, problems, beginning, middle, end, if it is fantasy or reality, what their opinion of the story is, etc.
5. **Letter Writing-** Does your child have a friend or relative who lives in another city? state? or even right next door? Children gain a lot of writing skills through pen pal.
6. Here are some **websites** that can be used:
  - Finish a story: <http://www.goodnightstories.com/finish.htm>
  - Great writing games (many other educational games as well): <http://www.primarygames.com/>
  - Star Fall: <http://www.starfall.com/>
  - ABCya (many other educational games as well): <http://www.abcya.com/>
  - Language Arts Activities: [http://softschools.com/language\\_arts/](http://softschools.com/language_arts/)
  - Sight Words: <http://mrsperkins.com/dolch.htm>
7. Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Imagination's Destination. This is a great program that encourages reading. Your child can earn a free book:  
[http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/\\_/N-rs9](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9)

# Good Readers...

## LOOK

at the pictures.



## Slide through the whole word.



## Skip

hard words and  
then go back.



...Read...

...Skip...

...Go back and read...

## Get your MOUTH

ready to make  
the first sound.



## Reread....

Does it LOOK right?

Does it SOUND right?

Does it MAKE SENSE?

If not-

**STOP** and go back!

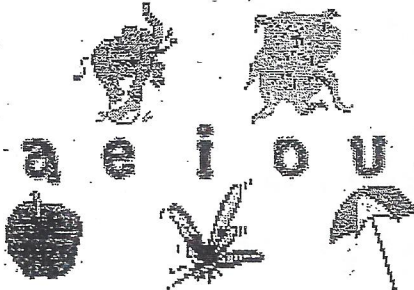
## Spell

the  
word out  
loud.



## Try a different VOWEL

sound.

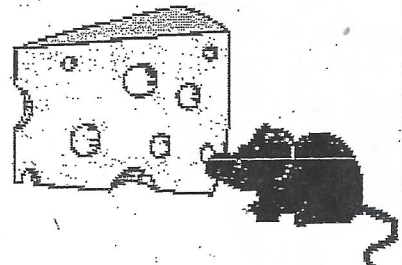


## Think of a RHYMING

word  
you do know.



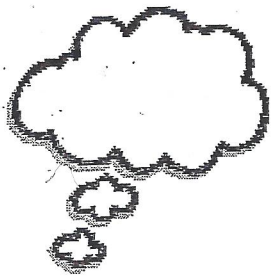
"If I know  
c-a-t is cat,  
then I know  
h-a-t must  
be hat."



## "Chunk It"

Look for smaller  
words  
hiding inside.



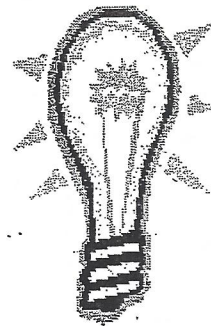


**I wonder...**

Think about what you  
have already read.

**Predict**

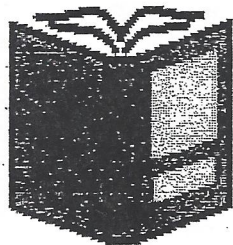
Stop reading and think  
what might  
come next



**Infer**

Think of the meaning of a  
word by using other words

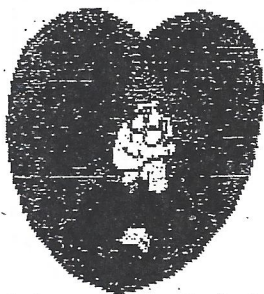
Make a  
**Text-to-Text**  
Connection



**Thinking  
Strategies**

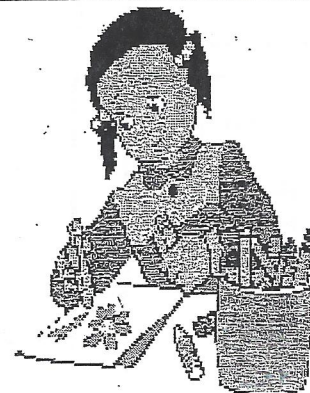
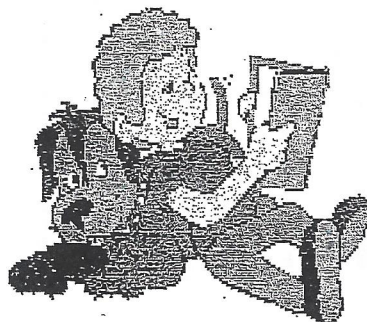
Good  
Readers  
Use

Make a  
**Text-to-World**  
Connection



Think of the  
characters  
feelings

Make a  
**Text-to-Self**  
Connection



**Create a  
Mental Picture**





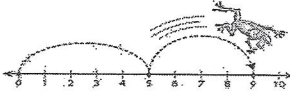

### **Recommended Workbook List for Summer Reading/Language Arts**

- Reading Comprehension and Skills Grade 1 by Kelley Wingate
- Phonics Fun by Barbara Wilson K-1
- Week by Week Phonics Packets by Joan Novelli and Holly Grundon Grades K-3
- Spectrum Reading Grade 1
- Nonfiction Reading Comprehension Grade 1 Published by Teacher Created Resources
- Summer Bridges Reading Grades 1-2 by Carson-Dellosa Publishing

## Math Suggestions

\*Included is the **Getting Ready for First Grade Math Packet**, which will contain a brief review of kindergarten concepts, and introducing first grade work.

\*Strategies for solving math problems:

1. Use your fingers 
2. Count with tallies tally 
3. Count out loud  "1,2,3,..."
4. Draw a picture 
5. Write a number sentence  $5+3=8$
6. Use the number line 
7. Use a tens frame 

\*The following concepts are some of the first grade standards that your child will be learning. It will greatly benefit if you child begins to practice these concepts over summer to better prepare for first grade.

- Basic addition and subtraction facts 1-20
- Fact families (ex.  $2+3=5$   $3+2=5$   $5-2=3$   $5-3=2$ )
- Count up to 120 from any number
- Count by 2's, 5's, and 10's
- Place values (tenths, hundredths, etc.)
- Comparing two digit numbers (ex.  $19 > 5$ )
- Tell and write time in hours and half hours using analog and digital clocks
- Decomposing into equal shares creates smaller shares (ex. halves, fourths, quarters, etc.)

\*Helpful websites:

- Measurement:
  - [http://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/games/how\\_tall/how\\_tall.html](http://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/games/how_tall/how_tall.html)
- Addition and Subtraction facts:
  - <https://xtramath.org/#/home/index> (can use the same login you had before)
- Addition Stories:
  - <http://www.iboard.co.uk/activity/721>
- Math and Reading Games:
  - <http://www.starfall.com/>
- Math Games:
  - <http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>