

BRIDGING TO PreK-Summer Skills Practice

Welcome to PreK at FPD!



Practice These PreK Personal Care Routines:



- Table manners, including staying seated while eating and opening/closing snacks and containers.
- Resting quietly.
- Proper use of tissues for blowing a runny nose.
- Independent dressing routines, such as putting on shoes, coats, and sweaters.
- Independent potty routines and attention to own bathroom needs.

Practice These Social Emotional Routines:



- Handling emotions appropriately.
- Sharing and playing well with others.
- Showing proper respect for authority.
- Asking for help when needed,
- Requiring only his/her fair share of attention.
- Respecting books and learning materials.
- Entertaining oneself quietly.
- Separating easily from parents.

Practice These Academic Skills:



- Read, read, read! Please be sure to check out the PreK summer reading information found on our FPD website.



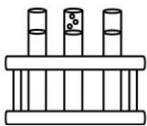
- Practice recognizing one's name and identifying letters.



- Review colors and basic shapes.

- Count to 10 or even higher!

- Practice recognizing numerals, especially 1-5.



- Draw lines, curves, and circles with pencils, crayons, and markers.

- Practice sitting for 5-10 minute intervals, while listening attentively to songs, rhymes, and/or stories.



- Practice following simple, oral directions.

Practice These Fine Motor Skills:

Have fun creating using scissors, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, and markers! Keep these materials readily available at home for practice using and caring for learning items such as these. 😊





2024 Summer Reading List

First Presbyterian Day School

Dear Lower School Parents,

The purpose of our Elementary Summer Reading Program is to nurture the habit of reading and to develop secure skills by engaging in daily reading opportunities. Strong reading skills help students in every academic area and prepare them for a lifetime love of learning. Nothing can take the place of reading when it comes to building vocabulary, language, comprehension, and writing skills. All children enjoy cuddling up to read a good book, especially when they've found a book they love!

Parents, please make sure to monitor time and activities on digital devices this summer to be sure programs are appropriate and your child is safe. Research states that a child who is read to or reads 20 minutes a day is more successful in academics. Children who create things develop stronger problem-solving skills. Reading and creating – what a wonderful combination for summer fun!

We suggest giving your child as many reading opportunities as possible – to be read to, to read aloud, to read to themselves, and to read for an audience such as siblings, family, or grandparents. Help your child find things to read that interest them. As you travel and vacation, read signs, trucks, and billboards.

Thank you for helping nurture a love for reading throughout the summer, beyond just completing required assignments. Let's all work together as we watch their love for reading grow!

Happy reading! We can't wait to see you back on campus very soon!

Mrs. Shannon Bryant

Rising Pre-K Summer Reading List

The importance of reading to your pre-school children cannot be overemphasized. You will find much joy in sharing pictures and stories with them, and they will gain in vocabulary, knowledge, and the ability to listen. Rereading favorite books and rhymes is an excellent way to establish reading readiness skills.

Below are some recommended Pre-K books. Feel free to read anything of interest to your child. Please enjoy reading together a minimum of 10-15 minutes daily.

Jack's Garden and Try a Little Kindness by Cole
Animal Nursery Tales by Scarry
Are You My Mother? by Eastman
Blueberries for Sal by McCloskey
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Martin
Clifford the Big Red Dog books by Bridwell
Corduroy by Freeman
Curious George books by Rey
Egermeier's Bible Story Book by Egermeier
Elmer the Elephant by McKee
Frog and Toad All Year by Lobel
Green Eggs and Ham and all Dr. Seuss books
Goodnight Gorilla by Rathman
Happy Birthday, Moon by Asch
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Johnson
Harry the Dirty Dog and other *Harry* books by Zion
How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon? and others by Yolen
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and others by Numeroff
The Kissing Hand by Penn
Knuffle Bunny and others by Willems
The Little Engine That Could by Piper
Leo the Late Bloomer by Kraus
The Mitten and others by Brett
Mister Seahorse and others by Carle
Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes by Reed
No, David! and others by Shannon
Owl Moon by Yolen
Pete the Cat books by Litwin
Rainbow Fish books by Pfister
Splat the Cat by Scotton
Stellaluna by Cannon
The Story About Ping by Flack
The Story of Ferdinand by Leaf
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Potter
The Tub People by Conrad
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Taback
Where the Wild Things Are by Sendak