

BRIDGING TO K-*Summer Skills Practice*

Welcome to Kindergarten at FPD!



Practice These Kindergarten Personal Care Routines:



- Dressing independently, including coats and shoes.
- Eating lunch and opening snacks independently.
- Using the bathroom independently.
- Practicing good hygiene.

Practice These Social Emotional Routines:



- Handling emotions appropriately.
- Interacting positively with peers and adults.
- Asking for help when needed.
- Separating easily from parents.
- Requiring only his/her fair share of attention.

Practice These Academic Skills:



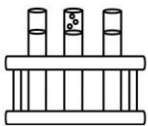
- Read, read, read! Please be sure to check out the Kindergarten summer reading information found on our FPD website.



- Practice Kindergarten readiness. Each incoming kindergartener should:



- Know at least 18 of 26 letters.
- Know at least 18 of 26 letter sounds.
- Write his/her first name correctly.
- Know colors and basic shapes.
- Count to 20 or higher.
- Recognize numbers 1-10 or higher.
- Write numbers 1-10 or higher.
- Sit quietly for 5-10 minutes while listening attentively.
- Follow simple directions.



Practice These Fine Motor Skills:

Have fun creating using scissors, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, and markers at home this summer! Kindergarteners should be able to independently hold and use each of these learning materials.





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 Kindergarten Summer Reading List

The importance of reading to your rising kindergartener 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.

Alphabet books, counting books, and books about colors and shapes are excellent choices to share with your child. Some favorite authors and titles are listed below. Read any books written by the same authors, and read anything of interest to your child. Please enjoy reading a minimum of 10-15 minutes daily with your child.

FAVORITE AUTHORS

Jan Brett	Eric Carle
Leo Lionni	Bill Martin
Mercer Mayer	Laura Numeroff
Dr. Seuss	Mo Willems
Henry Cole	

FAVORITE SERIES

Berenstain Bears series by Berenstain
Biscuit series by Capucilli
Froggy series by London
How Do Dinosaurs... by Yolen

FAVORITE RHYMING BOOKS

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Martin
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Martin and Archambault
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Christelow
I Ain't Gonna Paint No More by Beaumont
Ten in the Bed by Cabrera

FAVORITE ALPHABET BOOKS

ABC I Like Me! by Carlson
All Aboard ABC by Magee and Newman
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Slate
Miss Bindergarten Stays Home from Kindergarten by Slate
The Night Before Kindergarten by Wing

FAVORITE FICTION BOOKS

The Gingerbread Man by various authors
Goldilocks and the Three Bears by McPhail
The Little Red Hen by Galdone
Rosie's Walk by Hutchins
Sheep on a Ship by Shaw