

**The Village School's  
Rising 1st Grade  
Summer Activities Packet  
Reading/Math/Writing  
2023**



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Please read the following pages for optional activities to complete over the summer in anticipation for the first day of school in August.

# **Welcome to Fabulous First Grade!**

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming you into first grade. Summer is a great time to continue to practice all the reading, writing and math skills learned in kindergarten. Students entering first grade are asked to read 15 minutes daily with a parent or independently. Providing your child with a daily reading routine will help them become confident, strong readers. Read TO your child. We can't encourage reading enough! Please visit the library and make books a part of your summer days. Most importantly, let your child see you read- to yourself and to them. Let them hear your silly voices. Let them tell you the best parts and predict how it will end. Let them choose books that interest them.

We look forward to meeting you in August.

Have a great summer,

The First Grade Team

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# Reading

Here are some opportunities to read and get rewarded for doing it:

**Barnes & Noble:** At Waterside Shops has storytime for children and a great selection of books.

Check out their website for more information. [Barnes and Noble](#)

**The Collier County Library:** summer reading program, Register online at [Kids & Teens](#) and start logging books you read.

**Overdrive:** available all day, every day! You can download the free app on your digital device. You can add the Collier County Library to your account and download books for free.

**Practice sight words:** Visit <https://sightwords.com/> to practice the Fry sight word lists. Students coming into first grade should be able to identify the first 100 words. You can also find the list of words we will use to review at the start of the school year [here](#).

**Reading:** Try to read at least 15 minutes a day. Some questions to ask your child may include: What was your favorite part? Where did the story take place? Who were the main characters? Did you learn anything from the story? Would you recommend this book: Why/why not?

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# Math

Playing math games will help your child practice basic math facts that are important for first grade. Try taking a deck of cards with you wherever you may travel and play cards to pass the time. Learning through play makes it fun and teaches important life skills like how to win or lose with grace. Don't always let your child win, play fair and teach good sportsmanship. In first grade we will be focusing on addition and subtraction facts through 20 as well as reading and writing numbers to 120.

## **Games To Play: (You will need a deck of cards)**

### **1. Compare**

Remove the face cards from a deck of cards. Remember an Ace is the same as 1. Pass out all cards in the deck among all of the players. Each player flips over one card at the same time. The player with the higher number keeps both cards. If the two cards are the same, turn over another card. The player with the higher number keeps all four. (This game can be played with 2 or more players)

### **2. Double Compare "war"**

Same as above, but turn over two cards each time and find the sum. The one with the larger sum takes the cards.

### **3. Close to 10**

Remove the face cards from a deck of cards. Deal 3 cards to each player. Which two cards brings you closest to 10? Which player is closest to 10?

★ **Example: You turn over the cards 5, 4, 3 and your opponent turns over an Ace, 8, and 3. You can make 9 (5 and 4) and your opponent can make 9 (Ace and 8) or 11 (8 and 3). It is a tie since you are both 1 away from 10!**

**4. Puzzles:** Take a 100 piece puzzle, put it together, then flip it over and number the pieces 1-100. Mix up the pieces and have your child put the puzzle together using the numbered side.

Other games to play: Checkers, Memory, Chutes and Ladders, Go Fish, Crazy Eights, Candy Land, Connect Four, Uno

Math apps to play: Number Math App practice basic elementary number facts; Know Your Math Facts; Sumdog; Sushi Monster, Xtramath

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# Writing

Keeping a summer journal of fun activities or vacation days is a great way to practice writing. Have your child pick out a special notebook. They can draw a picture of what they did and then write about it. Practice writing complete sentences with capital letters, correct spacing of words and using punctuation. These skills will give your child a head start in first grade.

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Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you in August.