

# First Grade Summer Activities Packet



## Get Ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!

This is by no means a comprehensive list. These are simply suggestions of activities you can use to help you practice reading, writing, and math skills through the summer. Try to practice everyday, or at least every other day. Have a great summer!



## Reading Activities:

### **Dig into Reading @ Your Library: Summer Reading Program Kick - Off!**

The summer reading program kicks off on Saturday, June 18th at the Bucks County Library Center in Doylestown. Children can sign up online or pick up their reading logs and start reading to earn weekly prizes. One prize per week will be awarded per participant. Visit the Doylestown Library website to find out about story times and other fun events sponsored by the Bucks County Library system.

<http://buckslib.org/>

### **Barnes & Noble Summer Reading**

Log your reading to earn a free book.

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/> /N-rs9

## **Web sites with information and free literacy activities:**

### **PBS Teacher Source and PBS Kids**

[www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org)

Resources for teachers, kids and parents, connected to your child's favorite PBS shows.

### **Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Reading Planet**

<http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet.htm>

Games, articles, booklists and activities to keep you busy all summer.

### **Print and Learn for Kids**

[www.brobstsystems.com/kids/](http://www.brobstsystems.com/kids/)

Offers downloadable and printable worksheets, sorted by grade level.

### **Reading Adventure**

[www.bookadventure.com/](http://www.bookadventure.com/)

A free reading motivation program for children in grades K-8.

### **Story Line Online**

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

The Screen Actors Guild brings this online-streaming video program where SAG members read books aloud to kids.

### **Tumble Books from Bucks County Public Libraries**

[http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/home\\_tumblebooks.asp](http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/home_tumblebooks.asp)

~See link to CBSD Reading List

## **After reading, choose 1 of the following activities:**

- ☐ Make a connection to the story, with another story, your life, or the world. Don't forget to use the words "just like" in your connection.
- ☐ Write about your favorite part.
- ☐ Write down interesting words or especially descriptive words from the book.
- ☐ Write and illustrate a summary of the book.
- ☐ Make a comic strip of the main events in the story.
- ☐ Write a poem or song about the book.
- ☐ Compare and contrast 2 characters in the story. How are they alike and different?
- ☐ Write a letter to the author or illustrator.
- ☐ Write down at least 3 new facts you learned.
- ☐ Complete the story map.



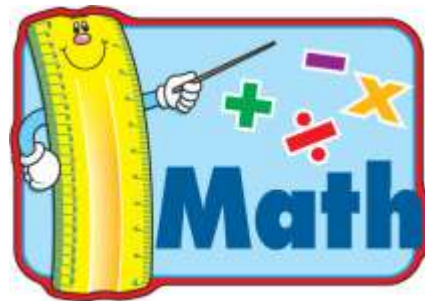
## Writing Activities:

Write every day, or at least every other day.

### Summer Writing Ideas for Kids

1. What's the most important thing you would like to do this summer?
2. Summertime is great for the outdoors. Go for a walk. Write a sentence about the walk you went on.
3. What is your favorite thing to do when you play outdoors in the summer?
4. What is your favorite thing to do when you play inside? Why do you play inside in the summertime?
5. If you could go on a summer vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?
6. Make a list of groceries that you think mom or dad should buy for you from the store.
7. Tell about an animal you would like to have for a pet.
8. What would you do if there was a dragon stuck under your bed?
9. What is the funniest thing that you have ever seen?
10. What is something you would like to learn more about?
11. What kind of pet do you think a teacher should get for their classroom?
12. What is the best movie you have ever seen?
13. Tell about your favorite book.
14. Tell about your favorite holiday. Explain why it is your favorite.
15. Tell about your favorite restaurant. Why is it your favorite?
16. Write a poem about what you think next school year will be like.
17. What is something you love about yourself and why?

18. If you could change anything about yourself, what would it be and why?
19. Make a list of the things you are most thankful for in your life.
20. Which season do you like the most?? Why??
21. Which season do you like the least?? Why????
22. You just won \$1,000,000. What are you going to do first?
23. Tell about a time when you were kind to someone.
24. Tell about your favorite song.
25. Write a story about the mysterious zizzybalooobuh that you just found in your bathtub.
26. What is something that makes you ANGRY!!!! Why?
27. Tell about your favorite sport.



## Math Activities:

- Practice using your triangles for ADDITION and SUBTRACTION
- Go to [everydaymathonline.com](http://everydaymathonline.com) and use your username and password from this year to practice Everyday Math games.
- Play board games that use math skills: Monopoly, Chutes and Ladders, Uno, Sorry, Checkers, etc.
- Practice using fractions as you measure ingredients for recipes. Try doubling or halving the recipe.
- Complete any unused pages from your math journals, especially Math Boxes.

□ Use the NCTM website for a multitude of activities:

<http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivitySearch.aspx>



## Problem Solving Tasks to Practice:

Birthday Problem:

<http://mathwire.com/problemsolving/birthdays.pdf>

Largest Sum:

<http://mathwire.com/problemsolving/2largestsum.pdf>

Bean Bags: <http://mathwire.com/problemsolving/beanbags.pdf>

Ice Cream Treat:

<http://mathwire.com/problemsolving/2icecreamtreat.pdf>

King Street:

<http://mathwire.com/problemsolving/2kingstreet.pdf>

Odd-Even Game:

<http://mathwire.com/problemsolving/oddevengame.pdf>

## Good Websites for All Content Areas

[www.everydaymathonline.com](http://www.everydaymathonline.com)

[www.coolmath4kids.com](http://www.coolmath4kids.com)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

[www.learningscience.org](http://www.learningscience.org)

[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)

[www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com)

[www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)

[www.primarygames.com](http://www.primarygames.com)

[www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com)

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

[www.gamequarium.com/languagearts.htm](http://www.gamequarium.com/languagearts.htm)