

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful year watching your Kindergartener grow as a reader. Wherever your child is on his/her reading journey, it is important that he/she continues to develop these skills throughout the summer. Spending just a few minutes reading each day can make a world of difference when the new school year begins!

Family time is so important, so why not make reading a part of this valuable time? We have selected *Animal Babies* by Andrea Pinnington to foster great family reading time. Please know that this book is NOT intended for your child to read independently. This is a text that you can ask your child questions about during and after his/her reading. (What did you learn about this animal? Did you learn any new words? What more information would you like to learn?)

In addition to reading our selected text, read bedtime stories, visit your local library, read a recipe and cook something yummy together. You can even put your future first grader in charge of reading the grocery list at the store. Have some fun with your reader by trying to complete as many boxes on the **Summer Reading Challenge** on the back of this letter.

Wishes for a wonderful summer!

The First Grade Teachers

# SUMMER READING

WHO • WHAT • WHERE  
WHEN • HOW



WHO?    WHAT?    WHERE?    WHEN?    HOW?

Read to someone who is younger than you.	Read a book that a friend recommends.	Read at the park.	Read while standing in line.	Read in the dark with a flashlight.
Read to a relative over the phone.	Read an old favorite!	Read in the bathtub.	Read while driving in the car.	Read aloud with an accent.
Read to a pet or a stuffed animal.	Read something that is non-fiction.	Read by a pond, lake, river, or ocean.	Read early in the morning.	Read wearing sunglasses.
Read to a friend or a sibling.	Read something out of your comfort zone.	Read under the stars.	Read while on a day trip or a vacation.	Read aloud in a silly voice.
Read to someone who is older than you.	Read from a magazine or a newspaper.	Read in another town, city, state, or country.	Read while having a picnic.	Read wearing your bathing suit.