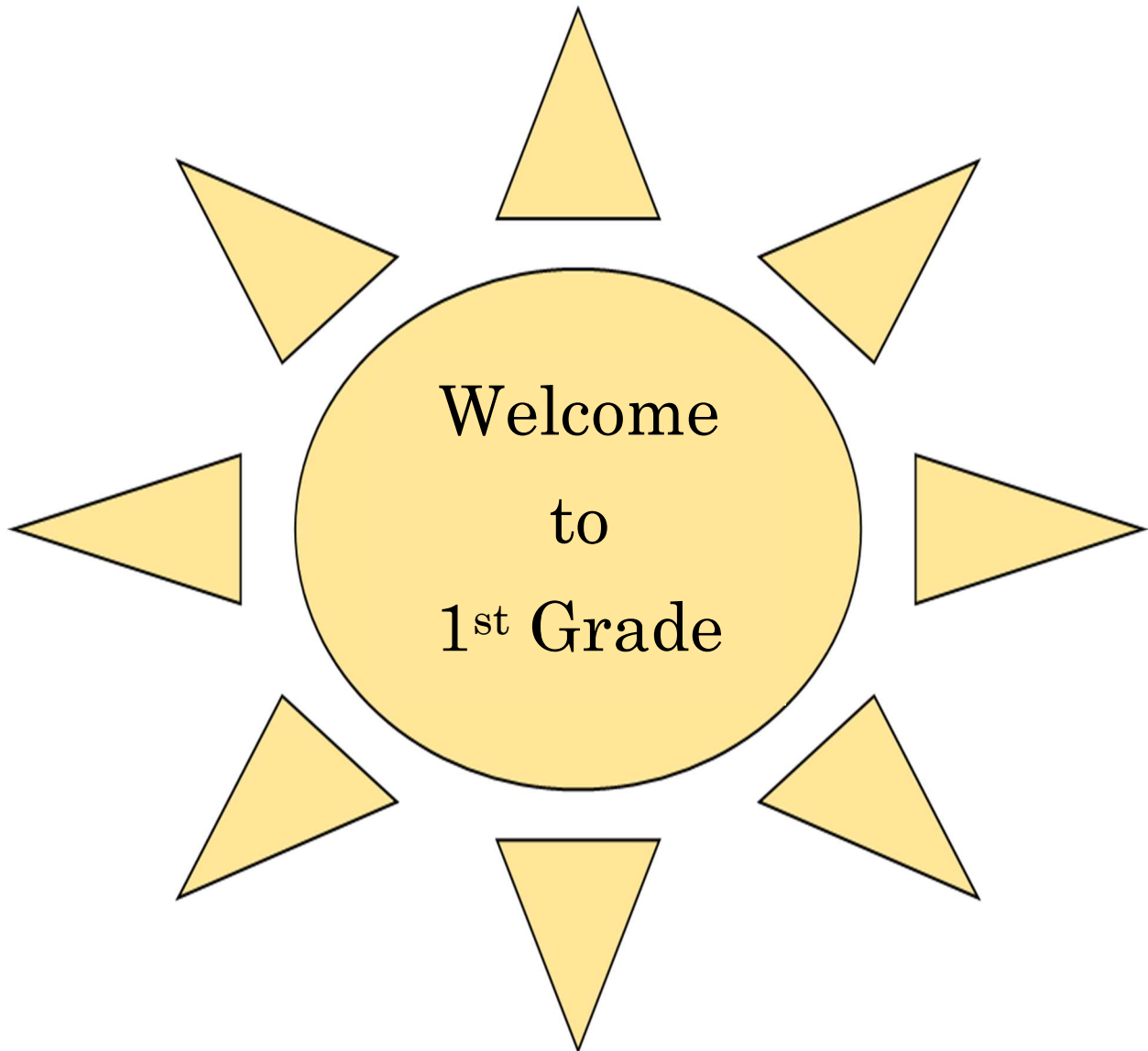


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**Suggested Summer Activities for
Rising 1st Graders**

THE SUMMER BEFORE FIRST GRADE CHECK LIST

How to Help Your Rising First Grader

Kids develop skills at different rates.

There are things you can do at home to help prepare your child for first grade, too.

- Visit the library often to read or hear a storyteller. Check out books with classic tales, as well as new titles. Ask your librarian for help choosing quality literature.

Role-play social situations.

- **Play rhyming games and language play**
 - Jump rope rhymes, silly songs, finger plays, and riddles. Talk about rhyming words and the rhythm and repetition you hear.
 - Letters and words are everywhere in your home, on the street, in the store, etc. Make it a fun learning game to play "I Spy" – I spy with my little eye something that starts with the letter M or /m/ (the sound of m), depending on the developmental of your child.
- **Play board games that build math skills.**
Flash card bingo, Flash card addition and subtraction problems to 20
- **Use multisensory techniques to practice writing**
For example: magnet letters, white boards, sand, flash cards, playdough
- **Let your children see you writing:** letters, checks to pay bills, the grocery list, anything! Give them their own paper, letting them write out their own lists using kid writing. It's all right if you cannot read it at this point, you are modeling for them uses and reasons for writing and reading, which is must more important at this stage.

Kindergarten Academic Skills Students Should Master by the End of the Year

Reading

- ___ With prompting and support, identifies similarities and differences between two texts on on the same topic.
- ___ With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.
- ___ With prompting and support, retells familiar stories, including key details, in sequential order.
- ___ In an emergent-reader text, can identify, blend, and read words.
- ___ Reads 100 common high-frequency words by sight (see list attached).

Language Arts

- ___ Uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose an opinion piece in which they tell the topic or name of the book and state an opinion about it.
- ___ Uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply at least two details about the topic.

Math

- ___ Represents subtraction problems using objects, fingers, drawings, or acting out.
- ___ Uses subtraction within numbers to 10 to solve word problems.
- ___ Fluently subtracts within numbers 0-10 using objects or drawings.
- ___ Expresses the length of an object as a whole number of length units by using non-standard units of measurement (Ex: paper clips, unifix cubes)
- ___ Describes measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight.
- ___ Compares two objects to decide which object has more or less of a common attribute

and describes the difference (Ex: which is taller or shorter and why).

___ Identifies shapes as flat or solid.

___ Names, describes, and compares 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes.

Science

___ Students will describe what plants and animals need.

___ Students will describe how plants and animals grow and change.

___ Describe the need for water and how to be safe around water.

Social Studies:

___ Recognizes that U.S. currency comes in different forms.

___ Identifies the differences between basic needs and wants.

___ Recognizes that people work to earn money to buy things they need or want.

First Grade Sight Word List

First Nine Weeks

about	end	men	such	three
after	give	most	take	want
any	help	name	than	well
came	here	over	that	went
come	line	set	them	word

Second Nine Weeks

also	cut	must	saw	too
away	four	need	say	very
before	land	page	spell	water
called	large	read	tell	which
car	letter	same	their	work

Third Nine Weeks

book	kind	little	run	think
even	late	much	side	turn
got	let	number	still	where
home	life	our	stop	why
keep	list	place	things	years

Fourth Nine Weeks

add	face	just	other	these
air	far	left	put	tree
because	food	mile	right	walk
both	great	miss	show	world
does	house	only	talk	would