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Dear Future First Grade Parents,

We are so excited about our new first graders! They have learned so much during kindergarten and we look forward to watching it blossom over the next year.

The most important things to reduce the summer slide is reading and discussing what they read. Due to this our summer assignment is the attached Summer Reading Bingo Card. We would like them to get as many squares completed as possible with the minimum being 15 squares but we would love to see lots of filled Bingo Squares.

As the Bingo card says, each activity should be for 30 minutes to count. However, the 30 minutes does not have to be in one sitting. Also, it does not matter who does the reading. The student can read the pages, the parents can read, or they student and parents can jointly read. For example, the top left box says read for 30 minutes before you go to bed. The student can read for 10 minutes each on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday one week and check that box off. They can also be working on multiple boxes on the same day if they are reading multiple 10 minute intervals in a day.

We also want to let you that the students' IXL, Skoolbo, RAZ Kids, and i-Ready accounts will still be available for most of the summer. These are not required, however the students are more than welcome to continue using these resources on top of their reading.

We hope you have a blessed summer and look forward to greeting each student in August.

The First Grade Team

SUMMER READING BINGO

Reading is an important activity in the summer so you don't lose the skills you have learned at school this year. Complete **THREE LINES** on this **BINGO CARD** (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) and you win.

Complete the whole card and you win twice!

Just have your parent initial each square you complete. All reading must be at least 30 minutes to count. The goal of this is to help you read 30 minutes a day in the summer!

Read 30 minutes before you go to bed.	Visit the public library and read three books.	Read a book that makes you laugh.	Turn out the lights and read with a flashlight.	Read all four sides of a cereal box.
Help an adult cook by reading the recipe.	Read a book to a friend.	Read at the pool.	Make a list of your ten favorite books.	Read at your favorite spot in the park.
Read a book to a pet.	Read a book sitting on a swing.	FREE SPACE Read whatever you like!	Read a nonfiction book.	Make a grocery list and then go to the store find the items.
Read a book at the park.	Read on the front or back porch or in your yard.	Visit a restaurant and read the menu.	Read a book on a computer, tablet, or e-reader	Make a fort and read inside.
Read and ride: Take a book on a bike ride and stop to read.	Sit under a tree and read a book.	Read all the road signs you can in 30 minutes.	Read a book about an animal.	Write your own story and read it to someone.

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