



Dear Rising First Grade Parents,

We are excited about your scholar becoming a part of the First Grade Family. We know you played a critical role in your scholar's academic, spiritual, and emotional development throughout their Kindergarten school year. Thank you for ALL the time and energy you have given and will continue to give to support your scholar's growth! We recognize you spent ten months out of the year maintaining and supporting your scholar in many ways, and we believe you and your scholar should enjoy your summer!

At BOLPA, we fully believe in developing your scholar not only academically but also socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. That being said, the attached summer assignments holistically focus on preparing your scholar for First Grade. We hope you and your scholar will enjoy completing some of these activities together, along with the many other fun events and activities you have planned for the summer.

We also recommend that you and your child read a book together daily. This can include you reading to your scholar or your scholar reading to you. The book can be a fun picture book, a Bible story, or even a chapter from a longer book. This summer, First Grade has a required reading list. Please see the books and titles listed below. They will be quizzed on I Can Read Well, book 5. Please ensure scholars are prepared for testing in the second week of school. Research shows that the more children read or are read to, the stronger reader they will be. We hope this allows you and your scholar to spend about 20 minutes together, free of technological distractions like the phone, tablets, and television.

### **First Grade Summer Learning**

This summer, to continue learning, we ask that parents partner with us by purchasing Summer Bridge workbooks. This workbook can be purchased online at Amazon or the Summer Bridge Workbook website linked below. The workbook is divided into days and will cover a plethora of academic skills needed for First Grade. First Grade scholars are required to complete at least 20 days in the workbook.

Scholars will turn in the workbook (labeled) on August 11, 2023, to their homeroom teacher. The summer learning workbook includes 60 days of learning, and scholars who push past the minimum required daily learning will be rewarded.

**Bronze:** Complete 20 or more days of learning

**Silver:** Complete 40 or more days of learning

**Gold:** Complete 60 or more days of learning

Each group will receive a prize befitting their level (number of days completed).

Summer Bridge Website Purchase: <https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/>

Amazon Purchase:

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**Required Reading:**

**June:** Scholars may choose a story.

**Story:** Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst Activity: Make your own snack for Alexander or Write a story about a time you had a bad day. What happened? How did you overcome the Bad Day?

**Story: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl Activity: Pretend you got a golden ticket. Write a story about your visit to the chocolate factory.

**July:** Abeka I Can Read Well books 3, 4, and 5

We look forward to partnering with you in the 2023-2024 school year! Thank you in advance for your help in preparing your child for First Grade.

**All About Me Poster**

On the third day of school, please send in an “all about me” poster that includes pictures and information that, includes birthdays, favorites (food, hobbies, color, movie, music, food, etc.). Your child will share this in class, and we will display them as we get to know each other!

**Need Help?**

Contact the Main Office (901-383-5546) during Summer Office Hours (M-Th, 9:00-1:00).