

HLS Rising 1st Grade

Summer Enrichment Ideas

With nearly three months off for summer break, it is important to offer opportunities for your child to periodically review basic skills taught in the previous grade level. Here you will find helpful recommendations for summer enrichment.

- Your child’s teacher will send home an individualized letter along with his or her report card. This letter will have suggestions for your child in reading, math, and penmanship.
- *Phonics*: Each rising first grader will receive a *Summer Phonics Enrichment* packet with instructions and *Primary Phonics Readers*. They will also receive the *American Language Series* readers. These readers will be important in reviewing the letter sounds and letter teams the students learned in kindergarten as well as previewing new letter teams they will learn in first grade. **Please return all of these on Meet the Teacher day.**
- *Math*: Please review + fact flashcards through 7, - fact flashcards through 6, skip counting by 2, 5 and 10, and telling time to the hour and half hour.
- *Penmanship*: Please have your child review correct letter and number formations. Please encourage the “3 P’s” when writing: proper posture, pencil grip, and paper position.
- *Literature*: We have wonderful resources for sharing the love of good books this summer.
 1. Your child will bring home a *100 Days of Summer Reading Challenge Journal* to complete along with a suggested book list.
 - a. This challenge asks all rising first grade students to read 100 books—ideally one per day—during the summer.
 - b. Students should write the title of the book completed on the lines provided.
 - c. **If space and time allow**, the name of the author and a short comment or description could be added.
 - d. Space is also provided for a picture.
 - e. Journals are due at the beginning of the school year.
 - f. Please read this information right away as the challenge begins on the first day of summer! Students who complete this journal by the first day of school will be recognized with a certificate at an Opening Assembly in September.
 2. Please visit the Highlands Latin School website for Supplemental Reading suggestions (under the Students tab).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office over the summer. Have a wonderful summer vacation!