

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, 3, 4, 5, and 10, and telling time to the hour and half hour.
 - *Morning Math Drills*: Please complete 3 Morning Math drills per week. Our goal is the completion of 50 problems in 5 minutes.
- *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.
 - Your child will bring home a *100 Days of Summer Reading Challenge Journal* to complete along with a suggested book list. This challenge emphasizes reading throughout the summer. Awards, recognition, and guidelines are designed with that in mind.
 - **R1 Awards and Recognition**
 - Students who complete 100% of their journal will be honored at the beginning of the school year with a special certificate and award book. They will also have their names included on a celebratory banner.
 - Students who partially complete their journal will be recognized for their participation.
 - Students are encouraged to draw a picture on each page, but this is not required for any awards or recognition.
 - **R1 Guidelines**
 - Read 100 books during the summer, ideally one per day.
 - Write the title of the completed book on the lines provided. The author's name and a short comment or description can be added.
 - Students are encouraged to draw a picture on each page, but this is not required for any awards or recognition.
 - Journals are due to teachers by the end of the first week of school.
 - 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!