



Dear future 3rd grade families:

As Sam Vaughn teachers, we want our students to be well prepared for the next grade level. We hope that over the summer you continue to encourage your child to read and practice basic math facts to memory. On the back of this letter, we have included some tips and information to help with this.

We also wanted to give you an idea as to what will be needed for the next school year and allow you enough time to find those great summer back-to-school shopping deals. Some supplies that each student should start off the next year right with are: a backpack, a 1" binder with pockets on the front and back cover, a 5"x8" pencil box, a 3 hole zippered pencil pouch, a small pencil sharpener that collects the shavings, 2-4 large white board markers, a glue stick, 12 count colored pencils, and a large eraser. Any extra supplies may be donated so we can assist any student not able to obtain them. Any snack or water donations are also greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to meeting you and your child in August.

The third grade teachers of Sam Vaughn Elementary,

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MAKE READING A PART OF YOUR CHILD'S SUMMER!

STUDY REVEALS SUMMER REDUCES STUDENT READING ABILITY

Did you know that during the summer months, the average student's reading ability *drops* by as much as one month of grade level, and in some instances, even more? That's what researchers at John's Hopkins University discovered during a study with elementary school children. The results underscore the importance of the availability of learning alternatives for students during the summer months when school is not in session.

On a more positive note, parents can help ensure that their child stays at or even slightly ahead of grade level by simply having them read just six grade level books over summer break. In addition, educators consider summer reading to be very important in the development of life-long reading habits, as well as maintaining literacy skills. It is documented that children who continue to read over the summer months perform better when school begins.

Tips To Make Summer Reading Fun For Your Child:

- **Read the Book/Watch the Movie:** Students will get a kick out of seeing a book they've read come to life on the big screen!
- **Browse the Shelves:** Let your child browse the shelves of your local library (free resource), looking for factual titles of interest.
- **Choose Books That Go with Summer:** Whether it's a book about summer sports or a summer activity, choosing a book that has some sort of summer theme will offer your reader more of a connection.
- **Engage the Imagination:** Get your reader involved in a good book with a good mystery, activity book or investigation resource.

In addition to memorizing (no counting) the following math facts, your child must also know how to tell time and count money.

Doubles

3+3 4+4 5+5 6+6 7+7 8+8 9+9
6-3 8-4 10-5 12-6 14-7 16-8 18-9

Doubles Plus One or Neighbors

4+5 5+4 5+6 6+5 6+7 7+6 7+8 7+8 8+9 9+8
9-4 9-5 11-5 11-6 13-6 13-7 15-7 15-8 17-8 17-9

Fast Nines

2+9 9+2 3+9 9+3 4+9 9+4 5+9 9+5 6+9 9+6
7+9 9+7 8+9 9+8 9+9 12-3 12-9 13-4 13-9 14-5
14-9 15-6 15-9 16-7 16-9 17-8 17-9 18-9

Leftovers

6+8 8+6 14-6 14-8 8+4 4+8 12-8 12-4 3+8 8+3
11-3 11-8 4+7 7+4 11-4 11-7 5+7 7+5 12-5 12-7
5+8 8+5 13-8 13-5