

Dear 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Families and Friends,

We want to start this letter by saying that we all MISS YOU very much and hope this finds you all in good health. As a first grade team, we put together some resources to help make at-home learning easier and less stressful for you. This is not required nor do we want or need it back. It is simply our way of helping you during these trying times.

Attached you will find some review sheets of reading and math skills already taught this year, as well as a writing journal for your little one to use to write about their daily adventures and/or things of interest. Encourage them to write a couple sentences and illustrate a picture to match. (Don't forget your writing rules. ☺) Additionally, don't forget to read every day for 20 minutes and discuss your reading with a family member.

We have also included a list of our 1<sup>st</sup> grade sight words with some fun ways to practice, a 120 chart with different counting activities, and a list of free online resources that you might find helpful.

We know that this all might be overwhelming for children and families, not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well. Please know we are here to help in any way. Feel free to email us or reach us via Remind.

Wishing you all continued health and safety during these next few weeks. Please give your children a big hug from their first grade teachers. We look forward to seeing their smiling faces real soon!

With love,

The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers ☺

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# 10 Ways to Practice Learning

1. Drill – This is your basic flashcard practice for sight words, math facts, number identification.
2. Playdough – Use playdough to form ‘snakes’ that you can bend into the letters and numbers to make the words. Remember to read the words and numbers after you make them!
3. Play ‘Go Fish’ – Ask a grownup to help make a deck of cards that has two of each word and/or math fact. Just choose the words or facts that are giving you some trouble. Then you can play Go Fish! Remember you have to read the word or answer the math fact when you ask for it!
4. Memory – Using the same cards you made for Go Fish, you can use them to play the memory game!
5. Rainbow Words – Using markers or crayons, write your trickiest words or numbers over and over with different colors. If you write on the same lines over and over with different colors, it makes a neat design. Don’t forget to read the words or numbers too!
6. Quiz Me – Choose three - five words and write them on a piece of paper. Then ask a grownup to secretly choose one of the words and give you clues to figure out the mysterious word. Clues could be about the number of letters in the word, the name of the first letter, and so on. Remember to read the word when you guess!
7. Defective – Be a detective and hunt down sight words in books. Grownups are great helpers with this! Ask a grownup to name a word in a book and then you have to find it. Use a magnifying glass if you like! Don’t forget to read the word when you find it!
8. Board Game – If you have a premade board game, then you are all set to play it with your word cards that you made for Go Fish. Make a pile of word cards on your turn; you must pick a word card first. If you read it correctly, then you can roll the die, spin the spinner, etc. If you miss it, you can miss a turn or just take your turn anyway! You pick the way you want to play it! For example: Chutes and Ladders, Twister, or Candyland.
9. Spell It – Ask a grownup to spell some of your words and try to figure out what word they spell.
10. Use It In a Sentence Please! – By now you probably can read most of those words. So now it is time to write those words in sentences and stories. How many of the words can you use in just one sentence? Does your sentence make sense?? Writing is a great way to practice reading!