

Suggestions for summer activities to stay ready for 1st Grade!

Science and Social Studies	Ask questions! Pay attention to what's happening around you and try to figure it out! Good scientists ask questions :) They also make mistakes! So, if you don't get it right the first time, do some research and try to find the answer! Ask people who know more than you, too! It always helps to work with a team!
Phonics and Reading	You know all of those awesome letter sounds Mrs. Foley taught you!? Try mixing some together! Practice anything - real words or fake words! Try sounding out words you see on signs or in restaurants this summer! m-a-t, c-r-i-t... see! You can do it! You can always make your own sight word notecards, they may come in handy, or even get you ahead of the game ;) Have your parents read to you - loooove books, they are amazing! Maybe you can try reading something if you're ready! (1st graders loves Frog and Toad books, give them a try!)
Listening Skills	Keep listening to your parents, of course :) Try doing what they say the first time and see if you notice how easy things get! You can also practice following directions - something every first grader will tell you is very important! Try following directions that tell you to do more than one thing and see if you can remember all of the pieces!
Math	Keep practicing those numbers! You could learn to identify the words that name numbers, too! Talk about what adding means - that you put 2 parts together to get a sum! You could even try adding numbers! Hold up some fingers on each hand and see what you get when you put them together! Which number has a greater value!? Which number has a lesser value!? Practice skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s, and see if you notice any patterns in the numbers :)
Writing	Don't forget to keep practicing your name! Use paper with lines so you stay sharp :) You could try writing a sentence after every fun thing you do this summer to remember how awesome it was! If you do, bring it to school in August, I'd LOVE to read it! Did you know that every sentence starts with a capital letter!? Don't forget to put a space between your words! Don't stress too much about spelling :) You'll learn lots of ways to become a better speller next year!
Most Importantly	HAVE FUN! Rest up, relax, and come back ready and excited to learn! If you're getting frustrated, take a break from whatever is feeling like it's too much! Remember that a positive attitude will take you far, and if you come to 1st grade excited about being there, then you are already on the BEST path you could possibly be on! ***Bonus activity - practice tying your own shoes and tucking in shirts!***

Have a great summer! You will be back in school before you know it!

-Mrs. Cardona