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Dear parents/guardians!

Welcome to the first grade! We are so excited to welcome your students hopefully into our classrooms in the fall and to start learning with them come September. Between now and then there are a few things we need from you.

First, just because schools out for summer does not mean young brains stop needing the fuel they get in the classroom. Over the summer there can be “learning loss” where all the hard work you, and they have done all year can begin to slip. We are assigning a workbook to work through at your leisure, and a book report; both due the first day back at school!

There are three assigned books from which you may choose to complete the book report. Those are High Five, or Secret Pizza Party by Adam Rubin, or Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade by Stephanie Green. Please try to choose one of these three for your student's book report. If these are unsuitable, or if your student finishes quickly and you would like more options, there is an additional list of more books on the next page.

Second, there is a list of supplies your student should have with them on the first day of the new school year. Some of the list (specified) you will acquire through the school. If you are having trouble finding anything please let us know.

We can't wait to get to see your students in the fall, and start learning together!

Mr. Gonzalez



On this page are a list of books that are at or around a good level for rising first graders! For the book report we would prefer you use one of the previously mentioned assigned books; however your student can refer to this list for additional options. Once you've chosen and read the book you can find the book report layout on the next page.

Some personal favorite books for rising first-graders (in no particular order):

- Pete the Cat, by Eric Litwin and James Dean
- Frog and Toad are Friends (or any other Frog and Toad stories), by Arnold Lobel
- Anything by Dr. Seuss
- Anything by William Steig
- Anything by Ezra Jack Keats
- Anything by Gerald McDermott (Raven: A trickster tale from the Pacific Northwest is my favorite)
- The Last Stop on Market Street, by Matt de la Peña
- Over and Under the Pond, by Kate Messner

This is just a list of additional suggestions. If your student reads quickly or wants more choices that's what this list is for. Please try to choose one of the previously mentioned three for your book report, but to continue reading over the summer, these are just some good options.

The book report layout is on the following page. You only have to do the report for one book that you read this summer, but please be reading a little every day, or as much as possible!

Happy Reading!

Mr. Gonzalez

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# BOOK REPORT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

What was your favorite part of the story?

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Draw your favorite part of the story.

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