

Summer Bridge Newsletter:

Bridging the Gap Between 1st and 2nd Grade

This newsletter was designed by the second grade teachers of Tyndall Elementary to help prepare upcoming first graders for the second grade. Please read over the information and practice these skills and ideas throughout the summer. This will make the transition of becoming a new second grader much smoother.

MATH

Students should be able to:

- Orally count, write, & visually identify numbers from 0-100.
- Compare whole numbers to 100 by using comparison symbols ($>$ $=$ $<$). **Example: $56 < 72$**
- Identify fractional parts of objects (whole, half, & quarter). **Example: pizza, cookies, pies**
- Identify coins and their values (penny, nickel, and dime).
- Count orally to 100 by 2's, 5's, & 10's.

Let your child count the change in your purse/wallet. Have him/her tell you what kind of coin it is and how much it is worth. Kids love playing with mom & dad's money!

Students need continuous practice of the addition and subtraction facts up to 12. Dollar Tree sells both addition and subtraction for only a dollar. Or...As a fun summer activity, child and parent can make flash cards together. The stronger our students are at memorizing their math facts, the easier math will be.

WRITING

It's very important to practice writing over the summer. Students can practice and have fun at the same time. Let your child write letters to grandparents, friends, and teachers during the summer. Let them exchange addresses with their friends in class or even next door. Remember to concentrate mostly on end marks and capital letters. Don't worry so much about the spelling. Students can also practice by making lists. Let your child write your grocery list for you mom! It's also important to let them practice on notebook paper. These simple ideas will help prepare your child to become a successful writer in the 2nd grade.

READING / LANGUAGE SKILLS

Our children are "new" readers! It's so imperative for them to practice during the summer break. This will help prevent them losing all they have learned in first grade. Encourage your child to read materials for pleasure. It's important for him/her to read a variety of fiction and nonfiction books. However, it's also OK to allow your child to read magazines or comic books as well.

Practice using reading strategies with your child, so he/she can develop a stronger comprehension of the text. Have your student retell the story back to you in his own words and in correct sequence. Ask her to recall important details. Always encourage rereading!

Enhance your child's vocabulary! Your child will be introduced to a new level of vocabulary words next year. To help your child be prepared, we suggest that you practice some of the words that are introduced earlier in the program. The word lists can be found at the school's website.

Tyndall School Website:

www.bayschools.com/schools/tes

Fun Things for the Summer!

- Visit your local Library or Bookstore!**
- Take a trip to the Junior Museum!**
- Explore the animals at Zoo World!**
- Pick strawberries at Sweatmore Ranch!**

