



EPISCOPAL
SCHOOL OF BATON ROUGE

Lower School
STEP-UP PACKET
2026-2027

1st Grade



First Grade Summer Jobs

First grade is cool; this is true.

Here are some summer jobs for you to do!

If you work hard, you will have it made.

By the time August is here, you'll be ready for first grade!

1. Be able to:

- write your first name using upper and lowercase letters correctly.
- recognize letters and their sounds.
- master the Kindergarten High Frequency Word List (included)
- write numbers 0 through 12.
- hold a pencil correctly.
- tie your shoes.

2. Enjoy books every day by either reading them on your own or reading them with someone! Be sure to fill out the reading calendar.

3. Retain familiarity with Singapore Math concepts taught in Kindergarten. Students are encouraged, but not required, to work on some or all of the review lessons available through Singapore Math Summer Shape-Ups. For more information about available formats, see the attached sheet.

4. Practice your good manners so you'll be ready to show them in the classroom, on the playground, and in the lunchroom!

5. Listen to and follow directions the first time they are given.

6. Clean up after yourself by putting things back in their proper place!

7. Enjoy your summer!!

Kindergarten Sight Words by Unit

2025-26

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Extra words
Me The Like I See My A Is We To Love can	At Look Here This An In It And Dad House Mom Park Said Little With play	Come Some Put Do Be Got Was Went She He Boy Cat Dog Friend Girl Man Fan Sat sit	What Have Of Want How You Am Did Fun Get On Up Day Say For Are Too All Ball Had	Will By Go No So As Has Her him

First Grade Snap Words

Please make flashcards and practice. *Students should read them in a "snap".*

First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
the	from	would	friend
a	have	could	other
and	do	should	another
is	does	her	none
his	were	over	nothing
of	are	number	people
as	who	say	month
has	what	says	little
to	when	see	been
into	where	between	own
we	there	each	want
he	here	any	Mr.
she	why	many	Mrs.
be	by	how	work
for	my	now	word
or	try	down	write
you	put	out	being
your	two	about	their
I	too	our	first
they	very		look
was	also		good
one	some		new
said	come		

1st Grade Summer Reading

Suggested Read Aloud Series

David series by David Shannon
Llama, Llama series by Anna Dewdney
Olivia series by Ian Falconer
Pete the Cat series by James Dean and Eric Litwin
Pigeon series by Mo Willems
Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
The Bob Books series
How Do Dinosaurs...? series by Jane Yolan and Mark Teague

Level D Series

All About Pets by Helen Frost
Early Step into Reading
Gossie and Friends by Olivier Dunrea
Green Light Readers Level 1

Level E Series

Dear Dragon by Margaret Hillert
Insects (Pebble Books)
Let's Go by Cate Foley
Puppy Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Puppy Sam by Mary Labatt
Sid and Sam by Nola Buck

Level F Series

Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli
First Step Nonfiction Life Cycles by Melanie Mitchell
Green Light Readers Level 2
Let's Go by Cate Foley
Puppy Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Tiny by Rich Davis
Watch It Grow by Nancy Dickman

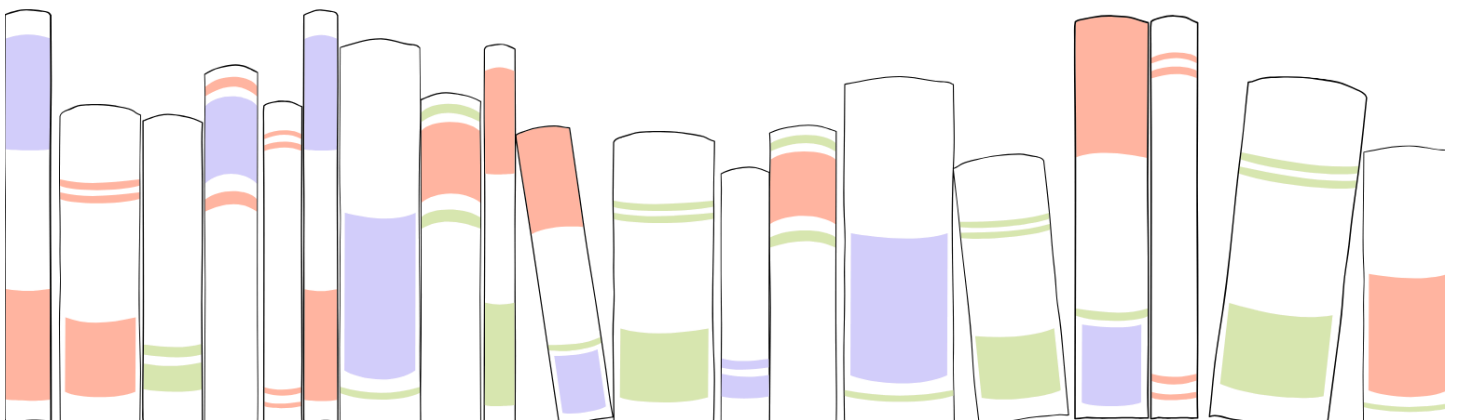
Level G Series

Berenstain Bears (Step into Reading) by Stan Berenstain
Elephant & Piggie by Mo Willems
Mittens by Lola M. Schaefer
Pete the Cat (I Can Read!) by Kimberly and James Dean
Pup and Hound by Susan Hood

Literacy Resources

Foster a love of reading all summer long!

- East Baton Rouge Parish Library
 - Summer Reading Program
 - Storytimes and Events
 - BookFlix pairing fiction and nonfiction
 - Overdrive e-books collection
 - Digital Resources galore!
- Epic! e-books, audiobooks, and Read-to-Me books
- Novel Effect App brings stories to life with interactive music and sound effects
- Highlights Magazines
- PBS Kids Games and Videos



Summer Math Ideas

All Lower School Students

Family game night	<p>This is a great way to have fun with math! Many games encourage counting, flexible thinking, problem-solving, strategic thinking, multi-step problem-solving, spatial reasoning, pattern recognition, resource management ... and so on!</p> <p>Here are a few of our favorites, and here are a few other sites with great ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• mindresearch.org• understood.org• discoverexplorelern.com
Cook together	<p>There's tons of math in cooking! From measuring the ingredients to setting the oven temperature and timer to determining how many portions a meal will make -- and it's fun too!</p>
Calendar	<p>Encourage your child to keep a calendar on the wall. Give your child a list of the events s/he will do this summer and put them to work by filling in the calendar. From time to time, ask your child calendar questions -- How many more days until Sunday? When do we go to the library? What day of the week is that? How many more days until school ends? And so on!</p>

First Grade Students

Pay with cash/coins	<p>Encourage your child to save his/her own money and buy things on their own. By counting cash and coins for real-world reasons, their motivation to use money skills will surely stay fresh! And encourage them to determine change. If something costs \$2.89 and your child pays with \$3, how much change will they get back?</p>
Facts	<p>Math facts are often practiced with flashcards, but children learn facts best with manipulatives or by skip counting, <i>seeing</i> numbers as groups. Use objects (such as buttons or beads) to make groups -- see if your child can find all the different ways to make 10s or 20s for addition and subtraction. Children have an easier time learning the facts if they know strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategies for Addition• Strategies for Subtraction
Summer Math Skills Review Workbook	<p>This summer review book provides a review of the grade level just completed. Because most lessons only take about 20 minutes, students can easily fit them into their busy summer schedules without added screen time. It includes tutorial pages for students to review the mechanics of each type of problem encountered in the book. An answer key is also included for grades 1-3. Solution pages are included for 4th grade and up. To purchase the workbook online for \$19.00, click here and purchase the workbook for the grade level that your child just completed.</p>
Analog watch	<p>If your child doesn't have one - buy one and ask them often to tell time and practice elapsed time -- for example, if you're heading to the park at 10:00, and it's 8:30, ask them how much longer until you need to leave.</p>

Summer Writing Ideas

Rising 1st - 6th Students -- Encourage your child to write over the summer too! Writing for authentic purposes (and sometimes for an audience) will keep writing fresh and purposeful for your child.

Journal	Buy a small spiral notebook and invite your child to decorate the cover with a special summer theme. Invite your child to journal a bit each day. If you keep one too, you'll be modeling the importance of writing. Your child could write about adventures from each day and hopes for the next day.
Persuasive Writing	All children have strong opinions about one thing or another, so encourage them to persuade you through writing! Go to a water park? Buy a new toy? Invite over a friend? Ask them to convince you through their writing!
Thank you notes or email a teacher	These are great ways to encourage writing -- take time to remind your child to write thank you notes this summer -- and ask them to write or email their teacher once in a while!
Compose a song	Most children love to write poetry - and poems are often like songs -- so if your child enjoys either - give them encouragement and time to be creative - and make sure someone is ready to listen and enjoy their creative work!
Make lists	Lists are great ways to encourage writing. And when the list is meaningful to the child, the motivation is high. If you're heading out to the grocery store, ask your child to write the list for you. Packing for a trip? Ask your child to create his/her own packing list. Setting goals for the day? Ask your child to make a to-do list!

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1st Grade Supply List
Please bring the following items on orientation day.

- 1 Episcopal pencil/bank bag
- 6 LARGE Elmer's WHITE Glue Sticks- .7oz
- 1 Fiskars 5 in. sharp scissors
- 4 Boxes of Crayola Crayons (24 pack)
- 2 Boxes of Crayola Markers (Classic) 8 pack thin
- 2 Boxes Crayola Markers (Classic) 8 pack thick/broad
- 2 Crayola-colored pencils 12 count
- 4 Boxes of #2 pencils sharpened
- 1 Pink erasers (medium size)
- 1 RED poly PLASTIC folder - pockets- no brads
- 1 BLUE matte finish pocket folders with brads - NOT PLASTIC
- 1 GREEN matte finish pocket folder with brads - NOT PLASTIC
- 5 Paper Mate "Flair" felt tip pens (2 purple, 3 black)
- 4 BLACK Expo Low-odor dry erase markers, Fine Point, 4 pack

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Enrichment & World Language</u>
1 Box of gallon-size Ziploc 1 Box of Kleenex 1 Pack of Clorox wipes	1 Box of quart-size Ziploc 1 Paper towel roll 1 Pack of baby wipes	1 Box of Kleenex 1 Crayola 16 color watercolor palette 1 Poster board 2 12-packs pre-sharpened Ticonderoga pencils 4 Elmer's WHITE Glue Sticks 2 BLUE matte finish pocket folders with brads-NOT PLASTIC