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Dear Parents,

The attached requirements and recommendations are summer activities that will assist your child as he/she begins the first grade in August. All students are expected to be involved in summer learning activities. Therefore, please SAVE the list for future reference.

Your child should read (with your help, if needed) 10 books this summer. These books should be relatively short picture or trade books, and should not require a large amount of time to read. A reading record should be kept on five of these books. Please copy and use the attached form for these reports. The reading record should be your child's work! The summer reading record is due on Monday, August 10, 2009. In addition, please help your child learn the Fry Instant Phrases that are attached. These are common phrases that your child will encounter while reading. Also, please help your child learn his/her address, telephone number, date of birth, the number words for 1-10, and the eight basic color words. Finally, I encourage all of you to enroll your child in the Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Florence Public Library. All of these activities will help your child develop a love for literature and become successful lifelong readers.

First grade is such an exciting year, and it is truly my privilege to be able to work with your child. I hope you have a safe and wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you in August.

*Sincerely,
Mandy Wicks*