

# GATEWOOD SCHOOLS, INC.

## The Lower School Rising First Graders Summer Reading List 2017

### Math

Maintaining mathematical comprehension is also important throughout the summer. In keeping with the digital format, students are required to log 200 minutes of online math fact practice. We trust that parents will monitor students while online by signing off on the log to be certain that online safety is practiced. Below are websites and/or apps teachers are recommending for math practice this summer. Be sure to record minutes and sign the log. Also, we would appreciate your feedback, so make notes on the log if there are sites/apps your child seems to learn more from than others. We look forward to seeing the knowledge retained and gained when students return in August!

#### Websites:

[www.coolmath.com](http://www.coolmath.com)

[www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)

[www.softschools.com](http://www.softschools.com)

<http://www.funbrain.com/brain/MathBrain/MathBrain.html>

<http://www.education.com/games/math/> (sites and apps)

**Apps: Splash Math, Math BINGO, Aaah! Math Zombies, Math Ninja, Hungry Fish, Math Regrouping, Top-It, Mathmateer, Sushi Monster, Montessori Place Value**



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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Summer reading plays an important role in a student's academic growth. Helping our students to become skilled, thoughtful readers is one of the most important goals we have at Gatewood School. Like many things, the only way to become a better reader is through practice. We encourage families to spend at least ten to twenty minutes each day reading. Independent readers should read every day. The maintenance of reading skills is crucial to growth in all areas.

The purpose of our Summer Reading Program is to encourage reading for pleasure; to expose students to a variety of good literature; to provide rich, imaginative experiences; and to reinforce reading skills. Even after a child is able to read independently, it is still important for his/her to hear books read aloud. Additional reading throughout the summer is strongly encouraged.

**Each student entering First Grade is expected to participate in Gatewood's Summer Reading. In addition to cultivating a love for reading and books, rising first graders should continue to maintain and grow their sight word banks. Below, you will find some reviewed sites to help with your budding readers.**

Star Fall at [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

ABCya at [www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

Interactive sites for Education at

<http://interactivesites.weebly.com/readingsight-words.html>

Happy Reading 😊

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#### JOURNAL ENTRIES

Children entering first grade have learned many writing skills throughout the year. To maintain these skills children are required to write 5 journal entries throughout the summer. Entries should:

- be written neatly.
- include 3 good sentences with capital letters at the beginning and punctuation marks at the end.
- include a title.

Students may use the paper in the summer packet.

## Summer Reading Assignment For students **entering** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



We are using Book Adventure as part of our Summer reading requirement. Students will be reading books from the public library, e-books on personal devices, or purchased books, and then taking online quizzes. The goal is to help children learn to love reading and to maintain and grow current reading levels.

A list of suggested books that meets your child's independent/instructional reading level is being provided. The titles on the list are all on Book Adventure. You may choose additional books, but stay near the levels of the suggested titles and always check Book Adventure to be certain that your title can be found so that you may take a quiz and monitor comprehension. These books should be read independently, or with little assistance, as the lists have been designed to meet each student's current guided reading level.

Children should read as much as they want, but are required to take quizzes. Please help them pace themselves!

- Read and complete quizzes on at least 10 books (one quiz per week in June and July).

You will be provided with login information. Teachers will be able to log in and monitor progress periodically throughout the summer. Visit Book Adventure to access the many free resources.

[www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com)

## Helpful Tips

Book Wizard will allow a reading level check on an abundance of books. <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>

To help with book level checks on the go, I recommend Level It App. Scan a book's barcode or manually enter a book's information and you will quickly be given a Guided Reading Level.



Be sure to cross reference titles with Book Adventure to make sure it is a title in its database.

Your child, \_\_\_\_\_, is reading in the following Guided Reading Range (based on most recent running record results):

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**Reading  
Is  
Soooooo  
Delicious!**