



GRACE
EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Rising Kindergarten and Grade 1 Students,

As the lazy days of summer approach, we want to take this opportunity to wish you and your child a summer filled with discovery, adventure, relaxation and fun. It is a time to develop new interests and a time to find new books with which to fall in love.

The range of reading abilities of children going into Kindergarten and Grade 1 is very large. For this reason, we do not compile a summer reading list for our youngest readers. Our suggestion is to enjoy time at the library finding books that excite, engage and motivate your child.

All children love to hear books read aloud. A few favorite authors of this age group include Mo Willems, Kevin Henkes, Keiko Kasza, Lois Ehlert, Denise Fleming, Arnold Lobel, David Shannon, Jan Brett, Eric Litwin, Leo Lionni, and Adam Rubin.



Do not forget to browse the non-fiction aisles and look for books that are aligned with your child's passions. Most children this age are keenly interested in animals and our natural world. Find time for hands on experiences which connect what your child reads to what happens in real life.

Summer is a perfect time to continue working on our writing skills. At this age, writing can be drawing a picture which illustrates either a story, information, or an experience your child has had. Students entering Grade 1 might want to add a sentence explaining their stories. Have them help you with real-life writing experiences such as writing a grocery list or a thank you letter to Grandma.

If you have any questions or would like to talk further, please feel free to reach out to our Director of Early Childhood Education, Pam Yarrington, at pyarrington@geds.org.

Warmly, Grace's Early Childhood Team