



**WINDERMERE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL**
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

Kindergarten Summer Study 2025

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." -Frederick Douglass

This summer, we encourage students to continue their learning experience. Summer reading is an excellent way to keep children excited about learning. Kindergarten starts the year off with our "All About Me" unit. The following books are a great introduction to that unit:

I Like Me by Nancy Carlson

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

An Extraordinary Egg by Leo Lionni

The Way I Feel by Janan Cain

I Like Myself! by Karen Beaumont

ABC I Like Me! By Nancy Carlson

Kindergarten Rocks! by Katie Davis

Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! By Nancy Carlson

Franklin Goes To School by Paulette Bourgeois

The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing

Optional Activity: Have your child draw a picture of their favorite part from one of the stories above.

Life Skills: Over the summer students should practice writing their name, tying their shoes, buttoning/unbuttoning their clothes, and packing and unpacking their backpack independently.

The Kindergarten Team wishes you a safe and fabulous summer! Happy Reading!



First Grade Summer Study 2025

"Small steps toward big dreams start today!" - unknown

This summer, it is essential that students continue stretching their minds and developing their learning. The ideal practice to support such a goal comes from daily reading.

Reading: The first grade teachers have chosen a collection of favorite stories to encourage our young readers to enjoy reading. Please choose two or more stories from the list below for your child to read or for you to read with your child:

Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

Elephant and Piggie (series) by Mo Willems

That Egg is Mine: A Silly Story about Sharing by Liz Goulet Dubois

ABC's of Kindness by Patricia Hegarty

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

Pie is for Sharing by Stephanie Parsley

This Is How We Do It by Matt Lamothe

The Night Before First Grade by Natasha Wing

[Sunshine State Young Readers](#)

[Nonfiction book suggestions](#)

Optional Activity: Have your child draw pictures to sequence the beginning, middle and end of one of the stories above. For a challenge, write sentences to match the illustrations.

Optional Math Skills Activity: Over the summer, we suggest students practice addition and subtraction facts up to 10. They may use flashcards, math apps, online math games, or any way they can practice becoming proficient in memorizing math facts.

Life Skills: At the beginning of first grade, students should be able to tie their shoes, write their first and last names, know their birthdate, and name the town/city where they live.

The First Grade Team wishes you a relaxing, safe, and fun-filled summer!



Second Grade Summer Study 2025

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." -Margaret Fuller

SUGGESTED READING: Please choose ONE fiction book and ONE non-fiction book from the list below that are appropriate for your child's reading level.

Fiction

Fly Guy Series by Tedd Arnold
Pete The Cat Series by Eric Litwin
Dog Man Series
Questioners series by Andrea Beaty
Pedro Series by Fran Manuskin
Owl Diaries Series
Yasmin Series by Saadia Faruqi
Polly Diamond Series by Diana Toledano
Bad Guy Series
A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
Amelia Bedelia Series by Peggy Parish
Magic Treehouse Series by Mary Pope Osbourne

Non Fiction

Magic School Bus Series by Joanna Coles
National Geographic Kids Series (various authors)
Who Was? Series (various authors)
Magic Tree House Fact Tracker By Mary Pope Osbourne

Optional Book Extension Activities

1. Create a diorama or model of a favorite part or character from the book.
2. Create a mini book and write a retelling of the book, illustrate it.
3. Create a poster about your book so someone else would want to read it.
4. Imagine you could spend the day with one of the characters from the book. Write about your adventure. What would you do? Where would you go? Illustrate your writing.

MATH: Over the summer, we suggest students practice addition and subtraction facts up to 20. They may use flashcards, math apps, online math games, or any way they can practice becoming proficient in memorizing math facts.

LIFE SKILL: Over the summer, all students should come to school being able to write their first and last name, tie their own shoes, and have committed to memory at least ONE parent phone number.



Third Grade Summer Study 2025

Suggested Reading

During the summer, it is essential that students continue stretching their minds and developing their learning. The ideal practice to support such a goal comes from reading daily. Thus, it is recommended students continue to read throughout the summer. Below is a list of suggested books, however, the students may read any books of their choosing. Summer projects will not be required, however you may choose from the options below should you like your child to complete an extension activity.

Suggested Readings

[Sunshine State Young Readers Award Junior Books Annotated 2024-2025](#)

[Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books- List for Grades 3-5 2024-2025](#)

Optional Activities: Please find the Book Report Tic-Tac-Toe below should you wish to complete an extension activity.

Collage Use magazines, newspapers, or other appropriate sources to make a collage of pictures about your book. Check with your parents before cutting up magazines or newspapers! Be prepared to explain how each picture relates to the story.	ABC's Write one word or phrase for every letter of the alphabet that relates to the story. You may skip x and z. Be creative! <u>Example:</u> A=Adam is the name of the little brother in the story. B= Book, the one that the main character carries with her always	Timeline Make a timeline of at least ten events in your story. You may not have years or times to put on your timeline. However, you should put the events in the correct order. Decorate your timeline.
Comics Draw at least three comic strips that highlight three important events in your book. Make sure the dialogue is realistic for the characters.	Song Create song lyrics and music about the book. Use the book title as the song title. Be prepared to perform for the class or record your song to play for the class.	T-Shirt Draw a t-shirt using a poster board or a large piece of paper. Fill the t-shirt with words, phrases, or pictures that fit one character from the story to a tee!
Book Report Recipe Write a recipe for your book report. <u>Example:</u> One cup of plot (include a brief statement of plot). 1 cup of setting (include the setting) A sprinkling of characters (list the characters here) Stir the ingredients together! Enjoy!	Letter to the Author Write a letter to the author telling why you liked or why you didn't like the book. Give valid reasons for your opinion and give specific examples from the story.	Word Wall Mini Make a word wall on paper of at least ten words that are found in your book. Include the definition for each word on your word wall. Decorate the wall. Try to give your wall a fun theme (leaves on a tree, bricks in a wall, petals on a flower, etc.). You could choose a theme that relates to your book!



Optional Math Activity

Below is an example of an *optional* summer math activity, should you wish your child to complete it.

Did you stop to think about the math you used over the summer break? If not, then here's your chance. For this project make a poster that shows 10 ways math played a role in your life over the summer break. Use the instructions below to help you design your poster.

Instructions:

1. Draw (or cut and paste) 10 pictures that show how you used math during the summer break.
2. Color each picture (or use color in your cut and paste picture).
3. Write (or type and glue) a short explanation under each picture that explains your picture. Each picture could involve addition, subtraction, multiplication, geometry, fractions, time, or money.

Examples:

- a. Draw a pepperoni pizza. Write: I ate at least 5 pepperoni pizzas over the summer. Each pizza cost \$8.75. That totals \$43.75.
 - b. Draw a picture of a video game. Write: I played video games at least 1 hour each day during the summer break. Since the break was 52 days long, I played video games for at least 52 hours during the summer.
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MATH FACTS: *To be fully prepared for the 3rd grade math curriculum, students should be proficient with basic addition and subtraction facts.* This includes knowing the facts without counting on fingers or drawing pictures. Students can practice by using flash cards, online drill games, or any other chosen method to help become proficient with these facts.

LIFE SKILLS: Over the summer, all students should come to school being able to tie their own shoes. In addition, the students should have committed to memory at least ONE parent phone number (home or cell) and their home address.



Fourth Grade Summer Study 2025

*"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."
-Walt Disney*

This summer, it is essential that students continue stretching their minds and developing their learning. The ideal practice to support such a goal comes from frequent and consistent reading and math practice.

Thus, students are encouraged to read at least one SSYRA book this summer as well as work on math skills.

READING

Students are encouraged to read at least one book from the [2025-2026 Sunshine State Young Readers Award list grades 3-5](#) over the summer. Students are also encouraged to read for pleasure throughout the summer.

MATH

To be fully prepared for the 4th-grade math curriculum, students should be proficient with basic multiplication facts through 12. This includes knowing the facts quickly and "by heart," without having to count on fingers or draw pictures.

- During the first week of school, students should expect an assessment on the basic multiplication facts through 12.
- Over the summer, students are encouraged to practice using flash cards, apps such as Sumdog, Sushi Monster, IXL, or any other means to become proficient with the facts.

LIFE SKILL

All fourth-grade students are encouraged to come to school with at least one parent's phone number (home or cell) and their home address committed to memory.

The Fourth Grade Team wishes you a safe and memorable summer! Happy Reading!



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Fifth Grade Summer Study 2025

"Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible."
— *Barack Obama*

In order to keep your child academically engaged over the summer, we suggest the following activities:

Reading: This is a funny and thoughtful book that your child may enjoy

[Restart by Grodon Korman](#)

(AR Level 5.1, Level W)

Your child can demonstrate their knowledge and comprehension of the book by creating a movie trailer. It is a creative way to retell the story using digital technology. If your child wishes, the movie trailer can be shared the first week of class. Click on the following link to access the rubric: [Movie Trailer](#)

Additional recommended books are those included in the [State Young Readers Award list grades 3-5](#) (Click for Link).

Math: All incoming fifth-grade students should have strong mastery of basic multiplication and division facts up to 12. This means being able to recall them quickly and accurately, without relying on fingers, drawings, or other counting strategies. To build fluency, try using flashcards, educational apps like *Sushi Monster*, or online practice tools to strengthen their fluency and build confidence.

LIFE SKILL: All fifth-grade students should have at least one parent's phone number and their home address memorized.

The Fifth Grade team wishes you a safe and enjoyable summer!