

Dear Parents,

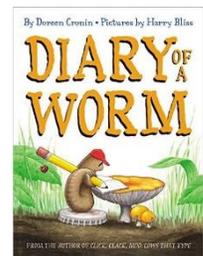


Summer is a season full of good times and building fun memories. We encourage your family to make reading a regular part of your summer adventures. Children who read throughout the summer gain skills to start the school year with a better understanding of language and the world around them, as well as discover the joy of reading. The more they like to read, the more they will read! Attached you will find opportunities for your children to continue to read and write over the summer. Feel free to read these books as a family.

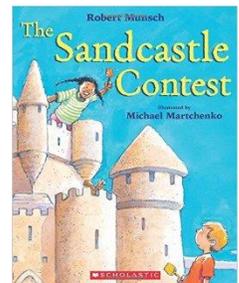
Each student entering first grade will be required to complete two projects assigned and turn each into their first grade teacher during the first week of school.

1. Required summer reading: Diary of a Worm, by Doreen Cronin

After reading Diary of a Worm, students will complete the attached "Diary of a First Grader." Students will write five (5) diary entries (1-2 sentences) about any special event or day that takes place during the summer. Students should also include illustrations. Students will share their "Diary of a First Grader" journal during the first week of school.



2. Required summer reading: The Sand Castle Contest, Michael Martchenko. After reading, The Sand Castle Contest, students will think of what they would make if they entered a sand castle contest. We would like students to make a sand castle of their own with Playdough (homemade Playdough is fine as well.) Please have your child write 1-2 sentences about their sand castle. Please remember this is an independent activity and students can make any castle, animal, or object they wish. We are excited to see student's personal creations!



Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

See you soon!

Your AATL First Grade Team,

Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Rodriguez

