

Dear Parents and First Graders,

We would like to congratulate all our kindergarten graduates and welcome you to our first grade program. First grade is an exciting year filled with much growth and maturity. Many new responsibilities and experiences may seem a little overwhelming at first, but time and patience will get us through those first few weeks.

We will have an information night in September which will give you a detailed explanation of our program. For now, we would like to pass on some helpful tips that may make the transition easier. Two great words to remember are routine and responsibility. Establish good routines for bedtime, morning, and homework. This will help greatly in your child's transition into new routines at school. Personal responsibility is a big one. They are responsible for much independent work in school this year. This includes many more textbooks and workbooks, and the organization of his/her desk. You will set them up for great success by expecting them to be responsible for unpacking and packing his/her backpack at home, and insisting that all home assignments are the student's work. This summer, please encourage your child to read at least 15min. every day. A summer journal is also a great tool for keeping writing skills sharp. Use it or lose it. Using flash cards to drill addition and subtraction facts is also strongly encouraged.

We look forward to meeting you in September and reading your summer assignments. We can't wait to see your talents shine! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amendo (1-1)

Mrs. Biretta (1-2)

Summer Writing Assignment - Grade One

Due: First Day of Class

In the first grade we learn that writing is a process. For this assignment you will write a paragraph of five sentences telling about your favorite summer memory. Begin with a first draft on the attached yellow loose leaf. This draft should be proofread and corrected with parent support. (Parents please make corrections in ink to contrast with your child's original work done in pencil.) Recopy your paragraph neatly on to the attached final work sheet. Use the space provided to create a well detailed illustration. Make sure that your first draft is attached to the back of your final work. Inventive spelling should only appear on the first draft. Conventional spelling is expected on the final draft.

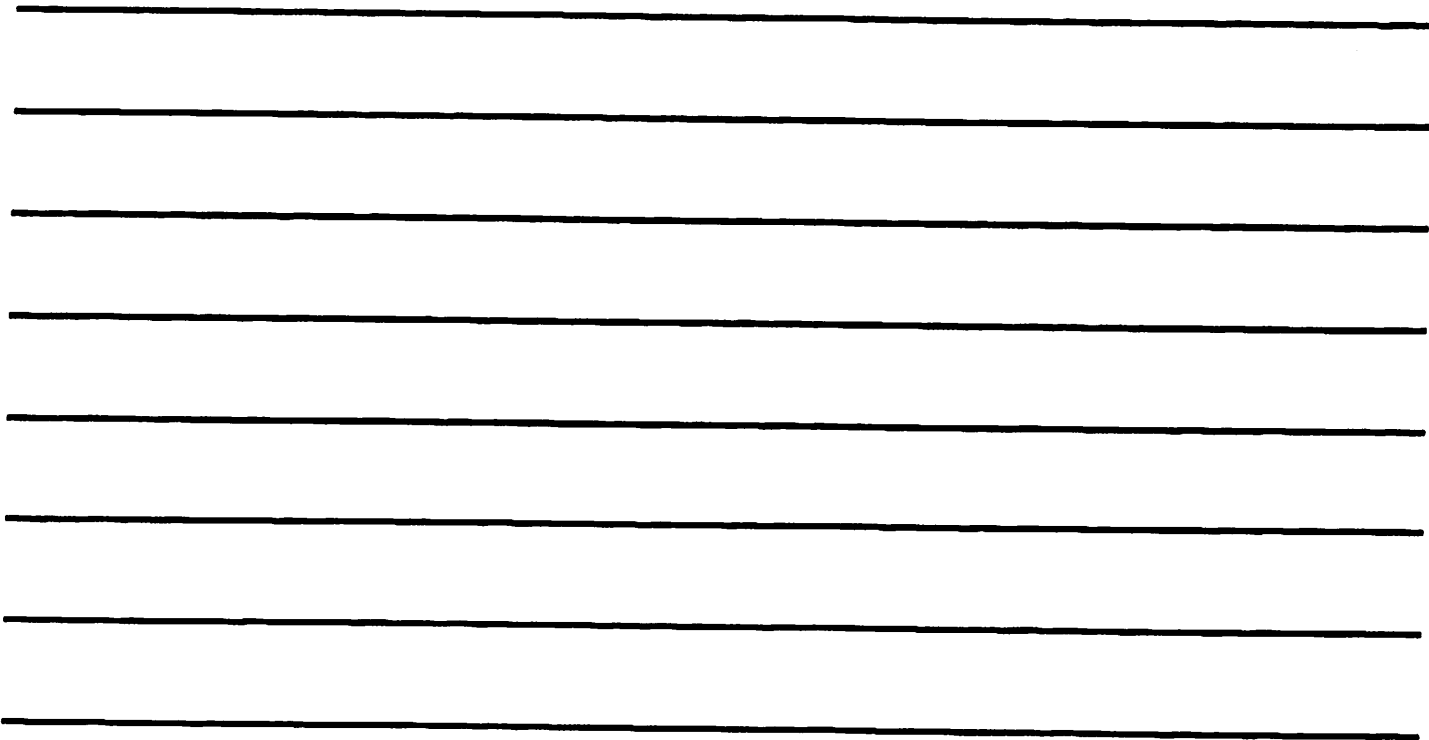
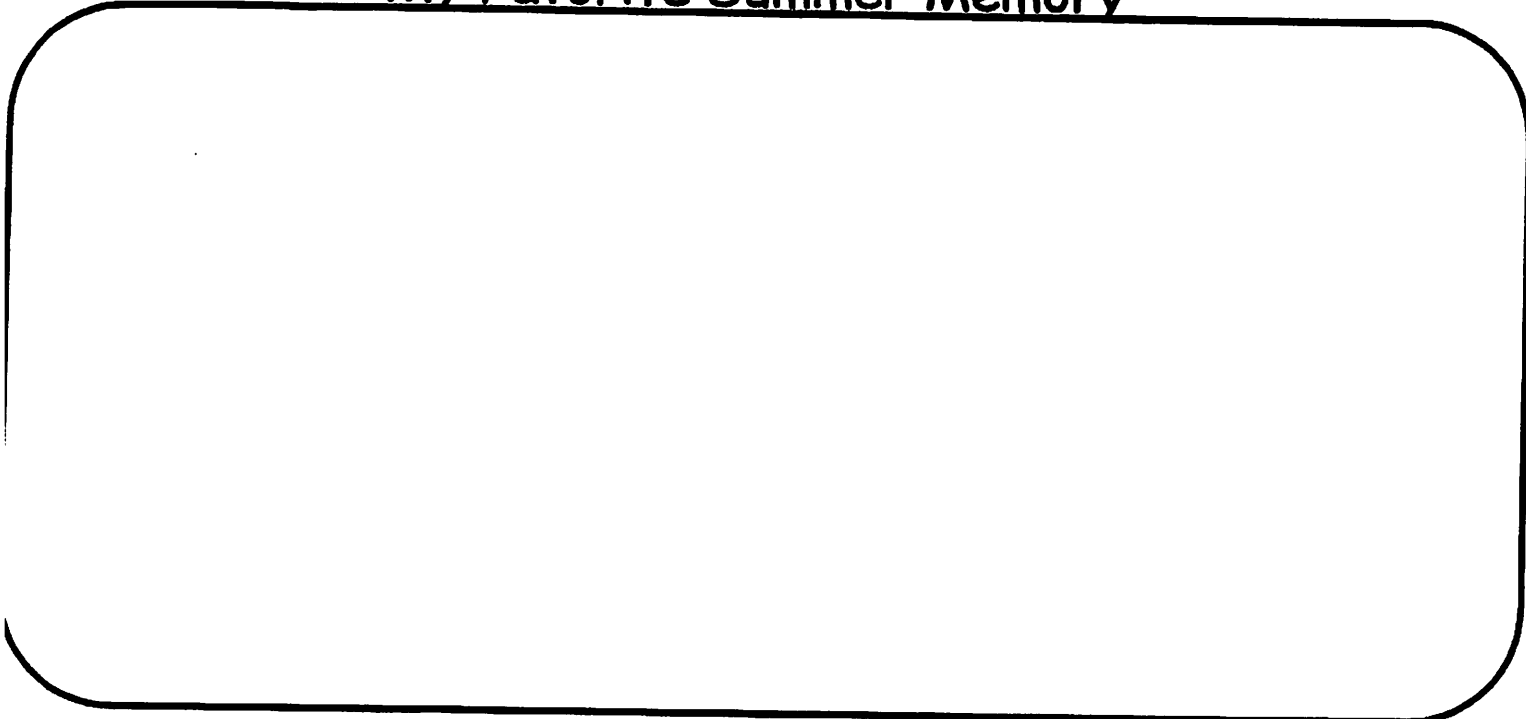
Sample Rubric for Grading

Writing Grade Based on Rough Draft/ Illustration based on Final Copy

4	3	2	1
Paragraph- Well detailed sentences centered on topic	Paragraph - Sentences are all on topic but lack detail	Paragraph- Sentences are not all on topic.	Paragraph - Incomplete: less than 5 sentences
Grammar is correct Frequency words and short vowel words are spelled correctly.	Grammar is correct Most frequency words and short vowel words are spelled correctly.	Some grammar errors. Most frequency words and short vowel words are spelled correctly.	Many grammar errors. Frequency words and short vowel words are spelled incorrectly.
Illustration - Very detailed and colored neatly	Illustration - Some details and colored neatly	Illustration - Not detailed and not colored neatly	Illustration - Not detailed and not colored
A+= 12 pts. A= 11 pts.	B+= 10 pts. B = 9 pts.	C+= 8 pts. C = 6-7 pts.	D = 5 or below

Name _____ Date _____

My Favorite Summer Memory



Summer Book Report



Due: First Day of Class

Directions for your summer book report:

1. Choose a book from the attached reading list. This list includes the reading level for each book. A book listed as 1.4 is equivalent to a beginning first grade reader. The book you choose should be one you can read independently.
2. Read your book and then complete the two attached book report forms. All writing must be your own.
3. Create a cover for your book report. Please include: the title, your name, and an illustration showing your favorite part of the story. All art work must be your own.

Rubric for Summer Book Report

	4	3	2	1
Report Forms	Report forms are completed with detailed sentences. Words are spelled correctly.	Report forms are completed. Words are spelled correctly.	Report forms are complete. Sentences do not tell a complete idea and/or many spelling errors exist.	Report forms were not completed correctly and/or many spelling errors exist.
Cover	Cover includes title, your name, and detailed drawing.	Cover includes title, your name, and drawing.	Cover is missing either the title, name, and/or drawing.	A cover was not included.
Neatness/Effort	Work was completed neatly with attention to detail.	Work was completed neatly.	More attention to work quality is encouraged.	Writing or artwork was not student work.

Grade equivalent: 12 pts. = A+ 10 pts. = B+ 8pts. = C+

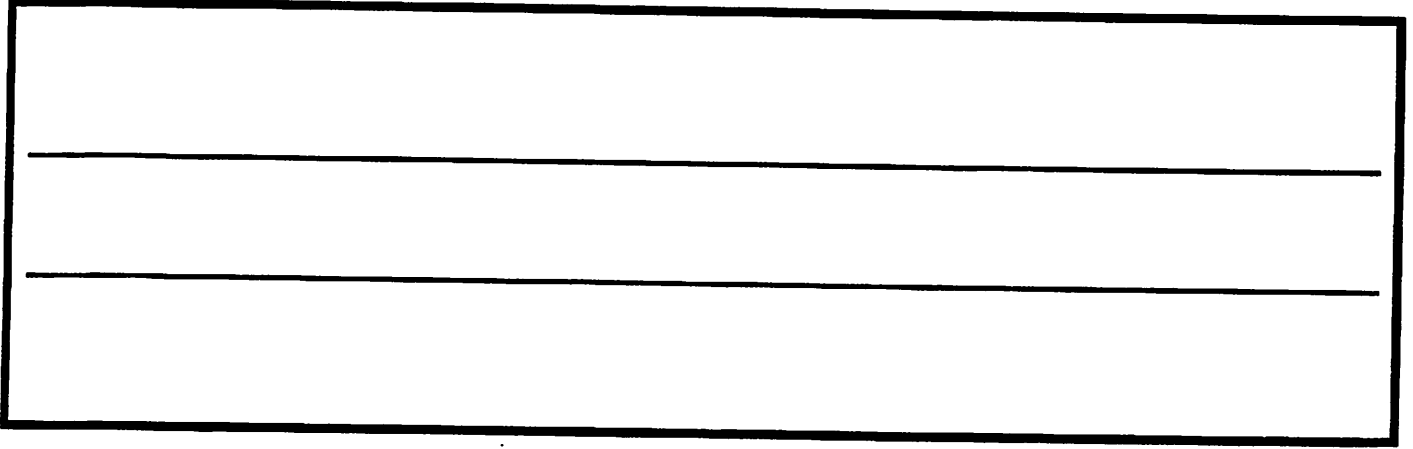
11pts. = A 9 pts. = B 6-7pts. = C 5pts. or less = D

Summer Reading Selections

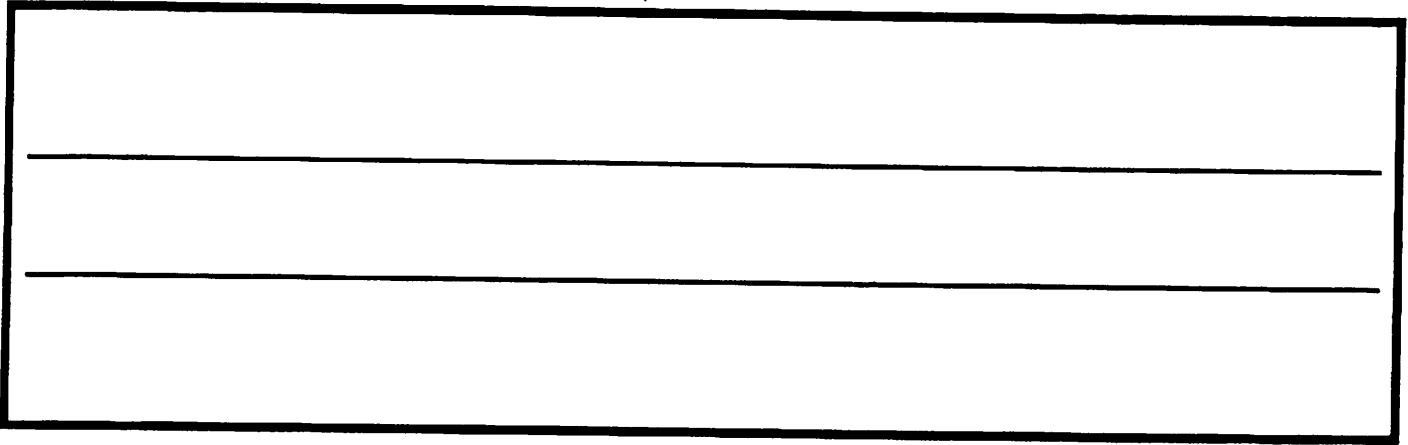
1. Biscuit Goes to School by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4)
2. Fluffy's School Bus Adventure by Kate McMullan (1.4)
3. Spot Goes to School by Eric Hill (1.5)
4. Robin Hill School: The First Day of School by Margaret McNamara (1.5)
5. Sam Goes to School by Mary Labatt (1.5)
6. Lucky Goes to School by Gail Herman (1.5)
7. Timothy Goes to School by Rosemary Wells (1.8)
8. Amelia Bedelia Goes Back to School by Herman Parish (1.7)
9. Hello School Bus! by Marjorie Blaine Parker (1.8)
10. Arthur's Back to School Day by Lilian Hoban (2.2)
11. If You Take A Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff (2.3)
12. Junie B. First Grader (At Last!) by Barbara Park (2.5)

Summary of my book:

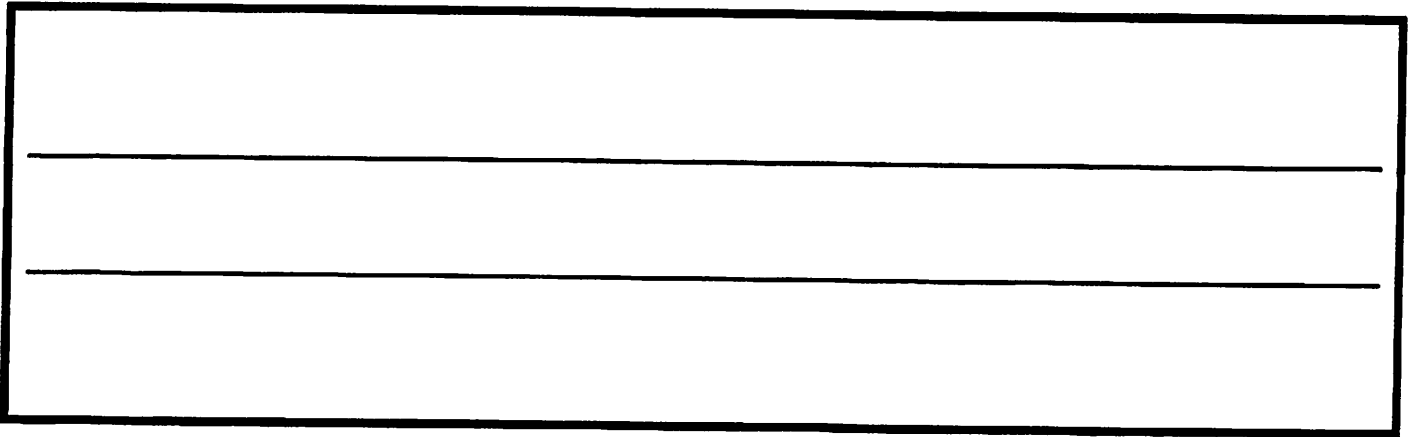
Beginning:



Middle:



End:



Summer Math Homework

Due the First Day of School

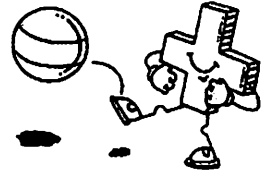
In addition to these pages, please work on addition facts using flashcards.

Name _____

Date _____

Addition Practice

Solve the problems.



1.

$$6 + 2 =$$
$$7 + 4 =$$
$$8 + 1 =$$
$$1 + 6 =$$
$$5 + 5 =$$
$$4 + 8 =$$

2.

$$5 + 2 =$$
$$6 + 3 =$$
$$2 + 9 =$$
$$3 + 9 =$$
$$4 + 4 =$$
$$8 + 2 =$$

3.

$$8 + 0 =$$
$$4 + 6 =$$
$$1 + 11 =$$
$$0 + 9 =$$
$$6 + 1 =$$
$$9 + 2 =$$

4.

$$1 + 10 =$$
$$8 + 4 =$$
$$7 + 2 =$$
$$6 + 2 =$$
$$0 + 10 =$$
$$4 + 3 =$$

5.

$$11 + 1 =$$
$$9 + 0 =$$
$$6 + 5 =$$
$$5 + 3 =$$
$$1 + 6 =$$
$$2 + 8 =$$

6.

$$7 + 3 =$$
$$3 + 8 =$$
$$1 + 7 =$$
$$12 + 0 =$$
$$0 + 7 =$$
$$5 + 4 =$$

Name _____

Trace and print the uppercase letters.

A B C

D E F

G H I

J K L

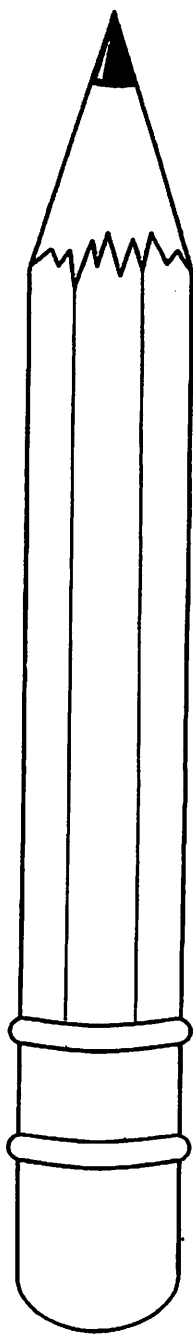
M N O

P Q R

S T U

V W

X Y Z



Name _____

Trace and print the lowercase letters.

a b c

d e f

g h i

j k l

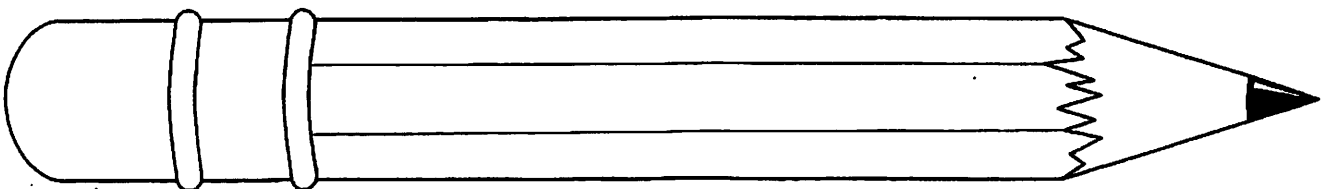
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/ Rough
 Draft