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Dear Parents,

The best way for a child to improve in reading proficiency is to READ! This should be done on a regular basis to gain the maximum benefit. Spend some time with your child each day engaged in reading. Read to your child and have your child read to you. Discuss the stories together to ensure comprehension.

Please continue to review sight words throughout the summer. Please also encourage your child to read books that are beginner-level (I Can Read Level 1 Books) or storybooks. If your child reads storybooks easily, he/she may be ready for small chapter books! Start him/her off with some simple chapter books. Some good beginner chapter books series include Henry and Mudge (levels 2 and 3), Young Cam Jansen, Magic Tree House, and Junie B. Jones.

Please, please, please set a goal for your child to read at least 10-15 minutes per day over the summer break. "Summer learning loss" is a big issue and can result in losing up to a full grade level of reading ability. It is so important that your child does not lose ground in reading over the summer. KFS students that wish to take **AR tests may test in the STEM lab on Wednesdays between 9:00AM-12:00PM**. Please encourage your child to take tests on any books that may be testers. If you need assistance or have any questions please reach out to our first grade teachers at ssaunders@kenston.org, our librarian, Mrs. Kim Edmonds at kedmonds@kenston.org, or Dr. Ruth Ann Horn at rhorn@kenston.org.

We also cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to know the basic addition facts through 18 ($9 + 9$). Everything they will learn in math in first grade will build on these facts. Please review these facts frequently over the summer. There are many websites where they can play games to review addition and subtraction facts. Flashcards are also a great way to practice and review. We can't wait to see you all in first grade!

We hope everyone has a wonderful and restful summer!

~ The First Grade Teachers