



Dear Parents of Rising First Graders,  
During the summer it is very important to maintain the academic and personal skills your child has learned and worked so hard to achieve in Kindergarten. Your child should continue to read and write as much as possible.

Please look at the following book lists:

- 📄 Books that celebrate diversity for 1st graders.pdf
- 📄 First Grade Read Aloud Picture Books and Chapter Books.pdf , a
- 📄 First Grade Read by Myself Books.pdf .

You and your child should select a few books to read during the summer and record them on the 📄 Summer Reading Log.pdf . In addition, please have your child complete the worksheet “The Best Book I Read” and bring it to school on the first day.

- 📄 The Best Book I Read worksheet.pdf

Every First Grader should read the book All are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman. Then your child should complete the worksheet 📄 I am Welcome Here worksheet.pdf . This should also be brought to school on the first day.

Please feel free to contact me at [Elaine.Bayarena@stjes.org](mailto:Elaine.Bayarena@stjes.org) if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to having your child in my first grade class!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Bayarena