

# Welcome To First Grade!!!

## Summer Packet 2016-2017

Dear Parents,

My name is Monica Allen and I am the First Grade teacher at The Basilica School. I have been teaching at The Basilica School for 10 years, 8 of which have been in first grade. I truly can't imagine a better age/grade to teach.

For most children, the summer vacation seems like a two-month stretch of playground recess. "No more pencils, no more books..." they chant as the school doors close behind them. The fact is "Summer-Slide" is real, but with a little time and work it is a great time to read and get ready for first grade. Here are a few suggested things that should be done over summer break.

### Math

- ❖ Mathletics – Students must earn 4 certificates and bring them in on the first day of school.
- ❖ Number Recognition – Practice with numbers 1-50 (out of order)
- ❖ Math Facts – Adding/Subtracting with the numbers 0 and 1

### Reading

- ❖ Letter and Letter Sound Recognition with upper and lowercase letters
- ❖ Letter Writing with upper/lowercase letters
- ❖ Dolch Words and Phrases – List 1 and 2
- ❖ 15 – 20 minutes of reading every night (before/during/after questions are included for you to use while discussing the book with your child)
- ❖ Reading Log

### Keyboarding

- ❖ Keyboard Template to help improve computer skills

Attached you will find a reading log to track all the books read over the summer, Mathletics login, 1-50 number chart, and a keyboard template.

I look forward to meeting you on Monday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> for Student Orientation. I will post my meeting times at a later date. I am looking forward to a wonderful year and I can't wait to get to know each of you and your children. If you have any questions, you can call me at 305-923-0437 or email me at [allen@basilicaschool.com](mailto:allen@basilicaschool.com)

Sincerely,

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