

# KINDERGARTEN KIDS

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## Summer reading

Summer should be a time when schedules relax a bit, but it can also mean reading drops off. Getting your child into a library reading program seems to be helpful in keeping reading in the forefront. These are some authors that have high interest stories and colorful illustrations.

Gail Gibbons	Bill Martin Jr.
Lois Elhert	Frank Asch
Jan Brett	Arnold Lobel
Eric Carle	Pat Hutchins
Tana Hoban	Tomie DePaola
Brian Wildsmith	Leo Lionni

There is so much good literature out there. Just have fun with the books. Talk about the beautiful colors and how the illustrations were made. Predict what will happen on the next page, change the ending or make up a different title. Look at long words and clap how many syllables. Read lots of rhyming books and look for the similar endings. A child's vocabulary and knowledge base grows with each book and the growth increases even more with discussion. ENJOY READING TOGETHER!! Then CHAT away!



## Summer TV

It's easy to slip into that routine of letting your child(ren) sit in front of the TV set during the summer. Some of the behavior we see in school is most probably because of certain programs that are being watched at home. I encourage you to not only limit the amount of time for TV viewing, but also to use discretion when choosing programs for your child.

## Zoo trip

Thanks to the parents who signed up to come with us to the zoo today. We were able to talk about many of the animals when we got back to school.

Please remember that the research assignment is due on **Wednesday, May 26**. I have a file folder started so you can send them in any time and I'll keep them until they can be shared.

## Bible time

Next week we will discuss Timothy and how he learned about Jesus at an early age from his mother and grandmother. Our Bible verse will be *Hear the word of the Lord. Ezekiel 13:2*

## Handwriting

Although there is much more emphasis put on handwriting in first grade, I did some observing while working on assessments. A few of the children still form letters from the bottom to the top. This would be a good habit to break. We have done lots of reminders, but old habits die hard. Some are still making backwards numbers and letters. Again, this isn't a problem yet, but it's good to point out that the symbol is backwards so your child doesn't get used to seeing it that way and thinking that's correct. We have been making them change the direction if we notice it becoming standard form. Pudding on the counter or a cookie sheet makes a wonderful medium to practice numbers/letters. So does shaving cream or dry jello. I hope using these letters/numbers continues to be important over the summer.

## Sharing

Sharing for next week will be to bring in a favorite book. This book needs to have a story line. Your child should be able to tell the main characters, what happens and where it happens. This will be a review about the elements of a story.

## Birthday celebrations

If your child has a summer birthday and you would like to have him/her celebrate it with the class, now would be the time to plan. Please let me know ahead of time if you would like to provide snack for a certain day.



## Singing in church

The children in grades K-8 will be singing at either the 8:00 or 10:30 service on June 6. This will be to praise God for Mount Olive School's fifty years of proclaiming Christ the Savior.

## Chapel

I was thoroughly impressed with how the class handled chapel on Wednesday. What an opportunity to be able to get up in front of church and feel so poised while sharing God's Word. They just had fun doing it and it was such good experience.

**Mrs. Schumann will be subbing in the classroom for me on Monday and Tuesday.**