

Summer Reading

for students
entering 1st grade

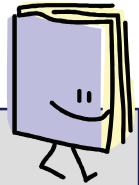
summer reading information is posted on the school's website: www.stfrancisschool.org

Dear Parents:

The first selection, Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever by children's author Mem Fox, is for parents to read. We know that many of you already read aloud regularly; Reading Magic is full of suggestions to enrich your experiences. The book is inexpensive, short, and easy to read, and we think (actually, we know) that you'll enjoy it. After finishing Reading Magic, we're sure you'll understand why reading to your child over the summer is so important.

Dear Soon-to-be-First Grader:

The most important thing that we want you to do over the summer is read, especially with your family. We love books in the first grade and we want you to love them, too!



BOOK LIST

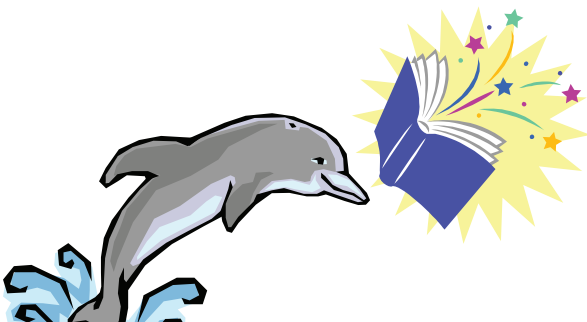
Reading for Parents:

Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever by Mem Fox

Fox extols the benefits of reading to preschoolers — even newborns — and gives suggestions for helping children learn to read by themselves.

With your child, choose and read many books this summer. Some suggestions are ...

- ◆ Step-One reading books
- ◆ the *Olivia* series by Ian Falconer
- ◆ poems by Shel Silverstein
- ◆ books by Joy Cowley
- ◆ animal stories
- ◆ *Purplicious* books by Elizabeth and Victoria Kann



We're looking forward to working with you and your child in the upcoming school year. Enjoy your summer reading!