

SUMMER LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR GOLDWOOD STUDENTS

KINDERGARTEN TO FIRST GRADE

Wondering how to keep your soon-to-be first grader's skills fresh for the next school year, but want a fun way in which to do it? Look no further! Here are some ideas for each month during the summer. These are not required, but definitely recommended! You can complete the activities in any order, and you can do them more than once. Color in each activity you complete. Enjoy!

June Ideas

Make uppercase letters with play dough.	Make lowercase letters by drawing letters in a tray of sugar or salt with your finger.	Sign up for the library's summer reading program!	Go on a walk in the park and then write and draw about what you saw!	Make your own ABC book. Draw at least one thing that starts with each letter.
Read a joke book with your mom or dad.	Make a card for your dad for Father's Day.	Find one thing around your house that begins with each letter of the alphabet.	If you go on vacation, write and send a postcard to someone. If not, write a letter to someone.	Read a book by Dr. Seuss.
Read a book about your favorite animal.	Make a list of words that rhyme with hat.	Read the directions for how to make a simple craft and make it!	Highlight some sight words (examples: the, of, and, like) in the newspaper or a magazine.	Read a book of your choice!

July Ideas

Read a book by Eric Carle (examples: <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> or <i>The Very Quiet Cricket</i>)	Create an idea for trapping lightning bugs. Draw and label your idea.	Write and draw about why you love the USA!	Read some nursery rhymes. See if you can name the rhyming words in them!	Sit outside and watch for bugs. Write a list of all of the bugs you see!
If you go on vacation, write and send a postcard to someone. If not, write a letter to someone.	Use play dough to make some easy sight words (examples: the, I, you, me).	Make a list of words that rhyme with bed.	Read the directions for how to make cookies (or another favorite recipe) and help an adult make them!	Draw a map of your room and label the objects in your room.
Read the comics section of the newspaper or find a book at the library with cartoons in it.	Choose a chapter book for an adult to read to you before bed or during the day for as long as it takes to finish the book.	Make a BINGO card with letters in the boxes. Have an adult call out sounds. Cover the letters that make those sounds.	Perform a random act of kindness for someone. Draw and write about it.	Read a book of your choice!

August Ideas

Observe an animal at the zoo. Draw the animal and label at least 5 things in your drawing (examples: tail, leg).	Draw and write about what animal you would be if you could magically turn into any animal.	Read a book by Doreen Cronin (examples: <i>Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type</i> or <i>Giggle, Giggle, Quack</i>)	Read a Clifford book (by Norman Bridwell).	Make flash cards for beginning sight words. Find lists at: http://www.uniqueteachingresources.com/Fry-1000-Instant-Words.html
Read an alphabet book.	If you go on vacation, write and send a postcard to someone. If not, write a letter to someone.	Make a BINGO board with sight words in the boxes. Have an adult use your sight word flashcards to call out words for you to cover up.	Practice writing your first and last name as neatly as possible. (Remember, only the beginning letters should be capital.)	Make a list of words that rhyme with mop.
Read a book of your choice!	Write your wish for the new school year. Put it in an envelope and put it somewhere safe. Open it at the end of the school year to see if it came true!	Read a non-fiction book. Draw or write 3 things that you learned.	Read some poems with an adult.	Draw and write about your favorite part of the summer. Read it to someone.

