



WILMINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Lower School Summer Learning Entering First Grade

Summer is a great time for children to take a break from a formal learning structure, but it is never good for anyone to take a break from learning. My hope is that you approach the summer with the goals of fostering your child's love of learning and creating opportunities for growth and discovery for your child. Please keep a log of your child's summer learning, including books read and other activities, as well. My goal is that you take advantage of the special summer days to encourage your child's curiosity, creativity, reading, and growth. Have a wonderful summer connecting with your child and making memories!

Here are some ideas:

- Tours of museums and historical sites
- Games (educational, board, puzzles, outdoor...)
- Vacation Bible School or other faith-based opportunities
- Building a project or creating something fun
- Learn a new skill (swimming, sewing, sport, etc.)
- Outdoor adventures (nature treasure hunt, hiking, start an insect collection...)
- Keep a summer journal
- Create a photo album or scrapbook

Bible:

Students are encouraged to read of their choice with a parent. The passages below are snapshots of our curriculum.

God is...

Creator (Genesis 1)

Always with us (Psalm 139: 7-10)

Father (Isaiah 64:8)

King (Psalm 47:6-8)

Love (I John 4:7-8)

Holy (Isaiah 6:3)

The Gospel

Sin enters the world (Genesis 2)

Sin separated us from God (Romans 3:23)

Jesus died on the cross for our sin (John 3:16)

Salvation only comes through Jesus (John 14:6)

Salvation is a gift from God (Romans 6:23)

We can have relationship with God if we recognize we have sin and ask Jesus to forgive our sin (I John 1:9)

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I am a child of God!
God created you uniquely (Psalm 139)
Child of God through faith (Galatians 3:26-27)
Through salvation we are sons and daughters of God (John 1:12)

How we should treat others...
Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12)
The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40)
Love is... (1 Corinthians 13)

Language Arts:

Students are encouraged to read books of their choice with a parent. Suggested authors are listed below. Please select a variety of authors.

Eric Carle	Arnold Lobel
Leo Lionni	Demi
Verna Aardema	Else Holmelund Minarik
Syd Hoff	Barbara Davoll
Martin Jenkins	Ruth Heller
Allen Say	Tony Johnston
Joanna Cole	Nancy E. Shaw
Laura Joffe Numeroff	Dr. Seuss
Grimm Brothers' Fairy Tales	Jan Brett
Gail Gibbons	Kevin Henkes
Steven Kellogg	Judith Viorst
Russel Hoban	Ezra Jack Keats
Jane Yolen	Andrea Beaty
Marc Brown	Tommy dePaola

Parental Guidelines: Please read books to/with your child. Even if your child is already a reader, it is beneficial to spend time reading together to help your child become a fluent reader. Fluent readers have an appropriate rate, expression, accuracy, and comprehension. For greater understanding, as you read discuss the details of character, setting, problem, and solution. Also, encourage your child to make and explain predictions throughout the story. (Example: What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?) You can also model making connections to the text. (Examples: Last week we baked a cake like the character in the story. Joseph forgave his brothers just like you forgave me. The character lives in Florida; we visited Florida.)