

WELCOME TO FUN IN FIRST GRADE



The first-grade Center for Gifted Studies teachers are looking forward to having you in class next year! In fact, we want to offer some enrichment opportunities, pieces of advice, and some sneak peaks of what you might see next school year!

Below are some enrichment & learning opportunities you could check out over the summer.

EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS:

- Try to identify bird sounds
- Step out of your comfort zone and try something new like camping or kayaking
- Visit a national state park and make a travel brochure on it
- Gather different objects & categorize them based on their texture, shape, size, color, etc.
- Start a garden and write about it
- Get creative and draw something new out of chalk on the sidewalk

ON THE TOWN:

- Volunteer at a local business or do a beach clean-up
- Take a tour of our public libraries and read a new book
- Go to a theme park and write about your favorite ride, then scamper (or change) it in some way to improve
- Explore a local treasure like: sunken gardens, Chihuly museum, great explorations, or the clearwater marine aquarium and tell us three new things they learned

AT HOME:

- Play board games (logic/puzzles) with your family or friends
- Be creative!!! Make musical instruments out of recycling materials
- Have your kids learn to cook or bake
- Arrange a play date with another incoming student
- Start a summer memory board
- Find a coding program online to explore coding
- Practice your math facts (addition/subtraction) & continue your reading adventures
- Learn to type and practice for the incoming school year

SNEAK PEAKS OF WHAT NEXT YEAR COULD INCLUDE:

Critical & Creative Thinking Activities

- STEM and Team Challenges
- F.F.O.E. tasks (Fluency, Flexibility, Originality, and Elaboration)
- SCAMPER tasks
- Pet Rocks
- Riddles, lots of logic puzzles, and inventions
- Year-long creativity tasks

Gifted Projects

- Heritage Culture Project
- Valentine's Day Simple Machine Project
- Winter SCAMPER project
- Black History Project
- Character Pumpkin Project
- Earth Day Project

WHAT ADVICE DO OUR
CURRENT FIRST GRADERS
HAVE FOR YOU?



"Do high-quality work."
"Hard work always pays off."
"Have fun!"

Have a growth mindset!
"Try first before you ask for help."
"Be creative and never give up."

"Be respectful and kind."
"Stay yourself."
"Be warm and fuzzy."