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June

Dear Parents,

Now that first grade has come to a close, we are concerned that the gains made this year may fade by fall. Please help your children by exercising their minds during the summer months. Our recommendations for them are:

1. **Read five times a week for fifteen minutes each time. Use a calendar and check off the days.**
2. **Alternate days reading with a partner and silent reading alone. After reading about two pages with a partner (a relative or friend), close the book and retell what you remember. This will improve your memory of what you have read. If you do not remember what you have read, do what good readers do—reread that part.**
3. **Find a new word each time you read. You can use the strategies of getting your mouth ready, chunking, separating out the “ed,” “ing,” or “y” endings, and looking for small words inside of longer words.**
4. **Once a week, pick a favorite book you read and write a letter to an important character or to the author. Look at the attached sheets as models and rewrite your letter on loose-leaf, or on the computer.**
5. **Hand in a minimum of six letters in September and you will be awarded a special writing award at the Reading Olympics Assembly!**

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Mazzo and the
First Grade Teachers**

MODEL 1
(FOR FICTION)

Date _____

Dear _____,

Hi! I just read the book _____ and
you were my favorite character. You made me laugh
(or feel sad or any other feeling) when

This reminded me of when _____

Sincerely,

MODEL 2
(FOR FICTION)

Date _____

Dear _____,

Hi! I just read the book _____
and you were my favorite character. I noticed that
you

If I were you _____

Sincerely,

MODEL 3
(FOR NON-FICTION)

Date_____

Dear_____,

Hi! I just read the book _____
and found it very interesting. I remember when you

This made me think (or wonder)

Sincerely,

