

Over the Summer 2021

Kindergarten friends, I have loved getting to know all of you and enjoyed making memories together in our classroom. You made each day a new adventure and always showed up with a smile and love to share. You have so worked so hard and shown that you are ready for Grade One! Remember, our Invisible String will always keep us connected!

Here are a few ideas of things you can do over the summer with your family. Have a wonderful summer my friends! Love Mrs. Prangnell

Over the Summer:

- **Read books together!** Reading aloud and having someone else read to you is important for developing your pre-reading/reading skills. Take advantage of your free membership to the Calgary Public Library and don't forget to register for their "Ultimate Summer Challenge"!
- **Play board games!** Chutes and Ladders, UNO, Guess Who and Zingo are a few of the many great board games that continue the learning with your family in a fun way!
- **Discover words that rhyme!** Rhyming pairs are everywhere! Do you notice rhyming words in a book? A song? The room that you are in?
- **Explore in nature!** Go outside and play, or be a nature detective! What do you notice when you visit different areas of our city and province? What animals do you see? What sounds do you hear?
- **Tell stories!** Fictional or non-fictional, story-telling is a great way to improve fluency and learn more about the world. Story-telling builds connection, empathy and understanding.



- **Popcorn/sight words!** Make a “popcorn word” of your own and find it in the books you are reading!
- **Review letter sounds!** Find letter objects around your home, letter shaped objects in nature and continue adding letters to your illustrations.
- **Bake or cook together as a family!** Choose one of the many recipes online or in a cookbook and bake or cook a special treat or meal to enjoy with your family.
- **Do a science experiment!** Follow along with a science experiment on YouTube, or test a theory of your own!
- **PLAY!** This is an important part of your everyday routine! Engage in different types of play that help you to explore your curiosities, experiment and have fun!
- **Teach your child social responsibility.** Practice proper hand washing, coughing or sneezing into their elbow and keeping a safe distance. Reinforce the importance of listening to our bodies and telling an adult if we don't feel well.

Online Resources

- **Storybots** was a great resource for us in learning our letter sounds and they also offer plenty of educational videos on their [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/user/storybots) to fulfill your curiosity over the summer.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/storybots>
- **Bookflix** allows you to listen to interactive books, both fiction and non-fiction, and offers numerous different themes to get you excited about reading!
<https://bookflix.digital.scholastic.com/home?authCtx=U.641893138>

- **National Geographic Kids** gives you access to videos, photos, books, and magazines to help grow your scientist thinking.
<https://natgeo.gale.com/natgeo/archive?p=NGMK&u=alberta k12>
- **ABCya!** has plenty of online educational games that will continue your learning and help to develop your fine motor skills. <http://www.abcya.com>
- **Math Before Bed** has many different math activities and images that help to build your confidence and love for math. The activities highlight math in our everyday world and help children to find the fun in math.
<https://mathbeforebed.com>
- **The Calgary Public Library** has plenty of resources to offer to kids of all ages and interests! Check out their website for virtual events and activities to engage in over the summer.
<https://calgarylibrary.ca>