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GETTING READY FOR 1st GRADE!

Last Thursday, our coffee topic was getting ready for 1st grade! Special thank you to Mrs. Joanne Guelff, current 1st grade teacher, for sharing her expertise and talking to parents of incoming 1st graders regarding expectations for their student for the next school year. Please know that for all students **READING** and developing that **LOVE** of reading is the most important foundational skill a child can develop in these early years. Be especially mindful of their social emotional development as children have coped with so much during this global pandemic.

Here is a summary for those parents who were unable to attend. Additionally, we have provided links to helpful websites, resources and information.

Here are some critical recommendations as your child prepares for 1st grade:

1. Correct Pencil grip – strengthen fine motor control really supports success with writing demands.
2. Letter formations for both capitals and lower case (top starts – try to break the habit of starting the letter at the bottom of the line.)
3. Letter sounds- Recognize and ready all letter sounds
4. Number identification and counting #0-30
5. Scissor control

Fine motor skills are so important. Here is the link to the "strawberry huller" to practice picking up items. https://www.amazon.com/Strawberry-Stainless-Tweezers-Pineapple-Potatoes/dp/B08K32N7JR/ref=sr_1_17?dchild=1&keywords=strawberry+huller&qid=1619108363&sr=8-17

CA standards for kindergarten/grade one:

Math - <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/ccssmathstandardaug2013.pdf>

English/Language Arts - <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/finalelaccsstandards.pdf>

Therapy Shoppe is a great place to find pencil grips and top to bottom paper and other creative sensory/motor items. - <https://www.therapyshoppe.com/>

Finally, here is the link to the MBUSD survey regarding summer learning opportunities

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0gy9aZQxJ6JCCG7htbCs4ZspLS_AzFJO9KRnj8N55j5QQ_w/viewform. Please fill out the survey if you have interest in your student attending a summer learning opportunity through the district. The district will be gauging interest in order to determine the classes that will be offered this summer.

California Standards Website: K-12 Benchmarks are available to peruse!

<http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/2/>

[CA Core ELA Standards](#)

[CA Core Math Standards](#)

Math TOSA: Mrs. Compton is the Math TOSA for MBUSD and has created wonderful videos for various math curriculum for each grade level. YouTube Video link:

[Holy Compton You Tube link](#)

Growth Mindset Resources:

https://www.mbusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=138436&type=d&pREC_ID=982442

<https://www.youcubed.org> Great resource for cognitive understanding and application of mathematical concepts.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com> – GREAT science info to spark those curious minds.

SEL- Social Emotional Learning:

https://www.mbusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=138729&type=d&pREC_ID=1482434

MBUSD Website: Please take a look at all that our MBUSD Ed Services curriculum maps.

https://www.mbusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=138436&type=d&pREC_ID=269323

**Please also look for information on MBUSD summer programming offerings as exact details are not yet finalized.

**Summer pleasure reading recommendations can be found on the MBUSD Ed Services page here:

https://www.mbusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=138436&type=d&pREC_ID=1953089