

Kindergarten Newsletter

June 2019

Getting ready for 1st gradell

Here are some ideas to stay prepared for 1st grade over the summer!
Read for enjoyment!

Fiction:

- *Ask your child comprehension questions after reading: characters, setting, problem, solution, key details.
- *Have your child pretend they are a character in the story, how would they react to the problem in the book?

Nonfiction

- *Ask about author's purpose: what new information did you learn
- *Identify text features (table of contents, headings, index, maps, charts, etc.)
- *Have them ask questions about what you have read, identify what else they would like to know about the topic, and make connections to things they already know about the topic

Write

- *Have your child write about the books they are reading.
- *Have your child write letters to a penpal. If you don't have someone to send letters to have them write letters to you, and write them back.
- *Show your child a picture and have them write a story about it.

Practice your math facts

- *Play games where you children has to add or subtract with objects around the house

Review place value

- *Practice grouping 10 ones into one group of 10, you can use straws, sticks, or anything around the house that you can bundle together.
- *Have your child identify the place value of a 2 or 3 digit number (ex. 47, the 4 is in the tens place and the 7 is in the ones place OR, i have 4 tens and 7 ones).

Review shapes

- *Have your child identify 2- and 3-dimensional shapes in the real world; in your house, at the park, or anywhere you have an adventure this summer.

Most importantly HAVE FUN!

Important Dates

June 4 @ 6:30pm PTA meeting
June 6 Field Day!
June 7.....National History Museum Field Trip
June 13 @ 10:00am...Kindergarten Promotion
June 14 @ 12:55pm.....Last day/early release

Our GHES yearbook is now on sale for \$22.00 and can be ordered online using any major credit card. Simply click on the following link to be taken to the ordering website:

<https://classic-photo.mypaysimple.com/s/glen-haven-elementary-school>

Counselor's Corner
**CHARACTER
COUNTS!**

Hello Glen Haven Parents and Guardians,

Throughout the school year we have discussed the importance of good character daily through our "Huddles". Your child has learned about empathy, respect, responsibility, citizenship, fairness, compassion, perseverance, honesty, self-discipline, and courage.

Building character and teaching ethics is not an academic undertaking, it must be relevant to your child's lives and experiences. Please continue to talk about character and good choices in situations that your child has been in.

It is a fact that raising good children- children with good character- demands time and attention. Below are a few summer ideas to help your child continue to develop wonderful character traits.

1. Respect- Take a walk and talk about respecting the outdoors (no littering, etc.).
2. Responsibility- Do yard work together.
3. Citizenship- Clean up a park.
4. Fairness- Share an ice cream.
5. Compassion- Help at a Soup Kitchen.
6. Perseverance- Sign up for a summer reading program and have your child read every day.
7. Honesty- Read a book about honesty outdoors.
8. Self-Discipline- Finish any household chores before playing outside.
9. Courage- If your child is afraid of bugs, take a walk and explore all the different types of bugs found outside.

Thank you again for a great year. Please enjoy a safe, fun summer with your child- one filled with exceptional character.

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