

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful year with our Preschool 4 children. The PreK 4 team has a few suggestions for your child to do this summer.

Please review the names and sounds of the letters in the alphabet. Practice the vowel sounds too. Read easy reader books like Bob Books or any books your child is interested in reading over the summer. While you and your child are reading, talk about the characters and the setting. Then discuss the order of events that happened in the story. Joining the summer reading program at your local library is also a fun way to keep reading interesting.

Have your child use a journal or handwriting paper to continue to write their first and last name. St. Mark is changing their handwriting program to Handwriting Without Tears. As a result, your child no longer has to write with hooks on their letters. Keep the pencil grip strong by continuing to have your child cut, glue, color and paint.

We finished the year counting and writing our numbers from 0-25. Counting things around the house, at the dinner table or puzzle pieces are a couple ideas. Keep counting pennies and dimes too!

Another helpful hint is to practice prayers: *Glory Be, Angel of God, Our Father, Hail Mary* and *Grace* before meals. Here are some websites with different activities for your child:

Starfall.com (reading skills: 1. ABCs and 2. Learn to Read)

IXL.com (grade level activities)

PBS.org (click on games for kids)

<http://www.hwtears.com/hwt>

Free Apps: Bitsboard, Rocket Speller, Little Writer, Stumpy, ABC Alphabet, Counting Money

Stay cool, keep reading and have a fun summer!!

Sincerely,

The PreK 4 Team

Mrs. Coursey and Ms. Escobar

