



Dear LCC Day School Parents,

At the end of the school year, we find ourselves reflecting on all the wonderful memories we've created throughout the year. It's been an incredible journey of learning, growth, and fun, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.

In preparation for the new year, please note the following can be found on the LCCDS website.

Summer of Success:

- Summer Reading: Rising grades 3 – 8 are required (see grade-level letter)
- Summer Math: Rising grades 3 – 8 are required (see grade-level letter)
- Summer Reading & Math: Rising grades 1 – 2 are not required but encouraged (see grade-level letter)

Additional VERY IMPORTANT information:

- Calendar Brief for 2024 - 2025
- Uniform Information for Kindergarten – 8th grade
- Student Supply List for Kindergarten – 8th grade

As we say goodbye for summer break, know that your child(ren) will always hold a special place in our hearts. Wishing you a summer filled with sunshine, laughter, and endless possibilities.

Alexis Walker

Jen Brady

P.S. Just a reminder that the curriculum fee (a one-time annual fee based on your student's grade-level curriculum/supplies) will be published and payable in August.



Dear Rising First Grader,

Happy Summer! Congratulations on a wonderful kindergarten year! We hope you have a fabulous break enjoying what you love to do and experiencing new and exciting things. We want you to keep your brain strong while you are on break, so we have some opportunities to help you do this.

- We encourage you to read, read, and read some more! On the back of this sheet, you will find suggestions for books your teachers thought you might enjoy. There are so many fabulous books out there we couldn't list them all! Please list on the attached reading log all the amazing stories you read or listened to during the summer and return it to your new first-grade teacher on the first day of school.
- You will also be able to work on IXL throughout the summer. On IXL, there is a 1st grade Summer Boost Math and a Summer Boost Language Arts Skill Plan you may work on from a tablet, phone, or computer. This will review the skills you learned in kindergarten so you start first grade strong. While not required, your teachers strongly encourage you to spend a little time each day reviewing and practicing. They will be able to see all your hard work and how well you are doing.

Go to [clever.com](https://www.clever.com) as a student > click "Log in with Google" > choose your account or click "use another account" > your username is your email address: your first name, last initial@lccdayschool.com > **contact office if you don't know password** > click sign-in > you are in Clever > find and click on IXL > be sure your name is in the top right corner > click "Learning" at the top bar > scroll down to IXL plans > click on IXL summer boost: math or language arts > click 1st grade > begin practicing! > You are **finished** working on the skill when you **reach a SmartScore of 80. Please stop after 80 if it is causing frustration.**

Fiction

Biscuit and the Lost Teddy - Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Mr. Putter & Tabby Clear the Decks - Cynthia Rylant
Touchdown! - Alyson Heller
Tell Me the Day Backwards - Albert Lamb
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fables to Read Together - Mary Ann Hoberman
Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site - Sheri Duskey Rinker
Cake Soup - Erica Farber
Ducks Go Vroom - Jane Kohuth
Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! - Grace Lin
Katie Woo: Where Are You? - Fran Manushkin
Just a Little Sick - Mercer Mayer
Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day - Kate McMullan
Fancy Nancy: My Family History- Jane O'Connor
Trucks Line Up- Jon Scieszka
Prudence Wants a Pet - Cathleen Daly
Madeleine - Ludwig Bemelmans
The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Eric Carle
The Grouchy Ladybug - Eric Carle
The Great Kapok Tree - Lynne Cherry
The Josefina Story Quilt - Eleanor Coerr
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type - Doreen Cronin
The Empty Pot - Demi
Planting a Rainbow - Lois Ehlert
The Doorbell Rang - Pat Hutchins
The Snowy Day - Ezra Jack Keats
Leo the Late Bloomer - Robert Kraus
The Keeping Quilt - Patricia Polacco
The Complete Adventures of Curious George - H.A. & Margret Rey
The Relatives Came - Cynthia Rylant
A Bad Case of Stripes - David Shannon
Hip Cat - Jonathan London
The Giving Tree - Shel Silverstein
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day - Judith Viorst
Miss Birdie Chose A Shovel - Leslie Connor
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs - Judi Barrett
Luka's Quilt - Georgia Guback

Series

Arthur - Marc Brown
Ramona - Beverly Cleary

Amber Brown - Paula Danziger
Junie B. Jones - Barbara Park
The Stories Julian Tells - Ann Cameron
The Berenstain Bears - Stan and Jan Berenstain
The Magic School Bus (nonfiction) - Joanna Cole
World of Nature Series (nonfiction) - Ruth Heller
Henry and Mudge - Cynthia Rylant
Katie Woo - Fran Manushkin
Mercy Watson - Kate DiCamillo
Princess in Black - Shannon Hale and Dean Hale
A to Z Mysteries - Ron Roy
Encyclopedia Brown - Donald Sobol
Bad Kitty - Nick Bruel
Biscuit - Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Zach Files - Dan Greenburg
Zelda and Ivy - Laura McGee Kvanosky
A Bear Called Paddington - Michael Bond
Ballpark Mysteries - David Kelly
Cam Jansen - David Adler
Dory Fantasmagory - Abby Hanlon
Ivy + Bean - Annie Barrows
Nate the Great - Majorie Weinman
Sharmat Shelter Pet Squad - Cynthia Lord
Stink - Megan McDonald
Bailey School Kids - Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones
Hank the Cowdog - John R. Erickson
Horrible Harry - Suzy Kline
Frog and Toad - Arnold

Nonfiction

Hello, Baby Beluga - Darrin Lunde,
Plants Grow! - Mary Dodson Wade
Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow? - Susan A. Shea
Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man - David Adler
Ten Black Dots - Donald Crews
Corn is Maize - Aliki
Tell Me, Tree: All About Trees for Kids - Gail Gibbons
Animal Dads - Sneed B. Collard
Me on the Map - Joan Sweeney
Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Doreen Rappaport
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman - Kathleen Krull
Exactly the Opposite - Tana Hoban
Snowflake Bentley - Jacqueline Briggs Martin
The Dinosaur Alphabet Book - Jerry Palotta
Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman - Alan Schroeder

Panther's Summer Reading Log

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At LCCDS we learn Spanish through stories, music, and games throughout the year. I hope we can continue the fun over the summer so we don't forget all we have learned. A few of my favorite ways to practice my Spanish at home are listed below.

- **Play Games-** There are many sites for games available but my favorite is Duolingo. Duolingo is a free app that allows users to practice new language skills in a fun, effective, and highly customized manner. Students complete mini-lessons, answer questions, translate, and more. The program assesses your language ability, and the lessons change to match it. Canticos app is also a free app that is great for younger learners that is bilingual with music, stories, and games.
- **Listen -** Podcasts are a great way to have students hear the language. A great one for beginners is “¡Cuéntame! Learn Spanish with Comprehensible Input” by Marta Ruiz Yedinak, which is the closest to how LCCDS teaches, using acquisition-driven learning. Another great option is the “Garbanzo Spanish podcast”, others include “Eat Your Spanish: A Spanish Learning Podcast for Kids and Families!” By: Evan Blum. For our intermediate Spanish speakers, there is “Spanish Stories for Kids”. Both of these podcasts are available anywhere you get your podcasts on Apple or Android.
- **Watch TV-** No I am not joking! We learn Spanish by acquiring it the same way we acquired our first language. TV shows that interest students are a great way to hear the language and see it in context. There are many stories and cartoons on YouTube, Hulu, HBO, and other streaming sites in Spanish to discover. My favorite way to watch Spanish shows is to find something I already enjoy and set the subtitles and audio to Spanish. Netflix and YouTube also have a feature to slow down the audio so that it can be slower and easier to understand.
- **Additional Resources-** spanishplayground.net has a plethora of comprehensible videos on YouTube. Rockalingua has a few free music, stories, and games but it is a paid service.

¡Feliz Verano! ¡Hasta agosto!

Happy Summer! See you in August!

Señora Bringas

