

Grade 1

June 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin summer vacation, I encourage all our students to continue learning throughout the summer months. While summer is a time for fun, relaxation, and family activities, it is also important for children to keep their minds active and engaged.

One of the most valuable things you can do for your child is to make reading a daily habit. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly during the summer maintain and improve their literacy skills, while those who do not often experience learning loss. Parents should continue reading to their children each day until they are able to read independently. Even after children become strong readers, reading together as a family remains a wonderful way to build vocabulary, comprehension, and a lifelong love of books.

We encourage every family to set aside 15–20 minutes each day for reading. Whether it's a favorite story, a chapter book, a magazine, or a visit to the local library, reading together can become a special family tradition.

Math practice is equally important. Students must continue using their math skills to remain sharp and confident. Consistent practice helps students retain what they have learned and prepares them for success when school begins again in September.

You have received your child's login information for **Freckle Math and Freckle ELA**. These are valuable learning resources because the programs assign work based on each student's **STAR Assessment** results. Students who are performing above grade level will be appropriately challenged, while students who need additional support will receive instruction and practice tailored to their individual needs. This personalized approach allows every child to grow and learn at their own pace.

St. Thomas Kids Stay Sharp Over the Summer!

I will be checking in throughout the summer to see who is working on their Math, Reading, and ELA activities. When we return to school in the fall, all summer learners will be treated to a special **Popsicle Celebration** as a reward for their hard work over the summer.

Thank you for your partnership in helping your child continue learning throughout the summer months.

Happy reading, writing, and problem solving!

Blessings,

Miss Hawley

All-Star Arena

Read about an athlete, a team, or a big moment in sports.

I LOVED READING _____



DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW

Dragon's Den

Try a story full of bravery, legends, or fire-breathing fun.

I LOVED READING _____

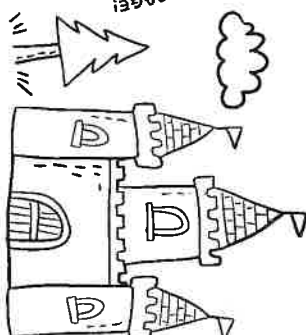


TURN THE PAGE!

Courage Castle

Find a story where a character discovers their own kind of courage.

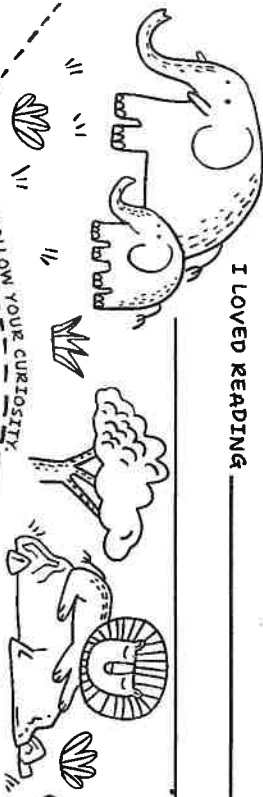
I LOVED READING _____



Wildlife Trail

Pick a book featuring an animal you love.

I LOVED READING _____



FOLLOW YOUR CURIOSITY

Puzzle Peaks

Level up your reading with a story that has a quest, puzzle, or mystery.

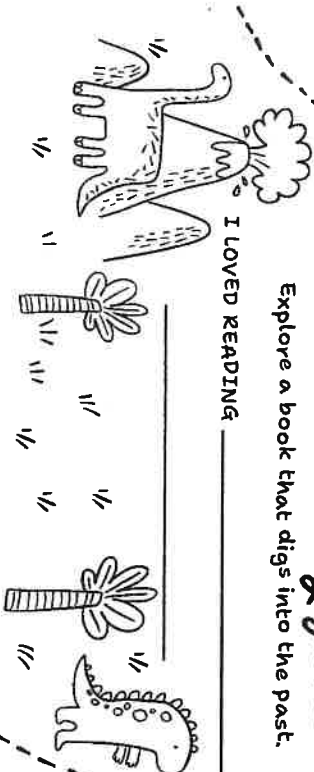
I LOVED READING _____



Dino Dig Zone

Explore a book that digs into the past.

I LOVED READING _____



Reading Adventure Starts Here

SCHOLASTIC

Joke Jungle

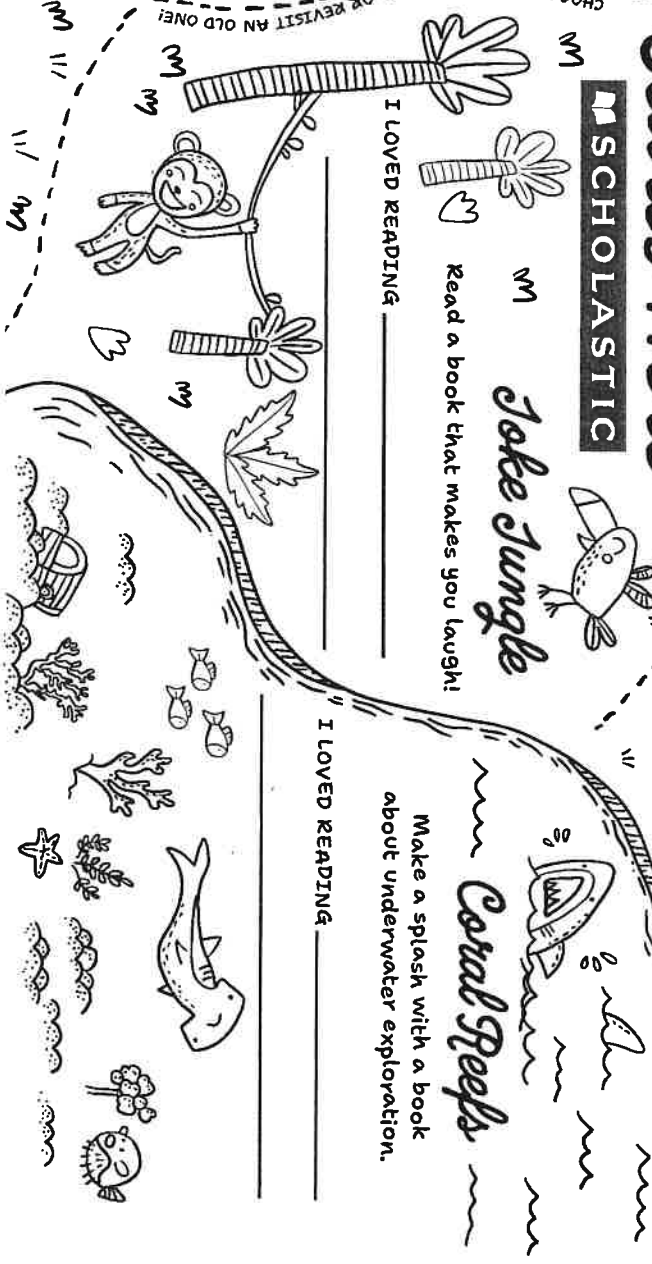
Read a book that makes you laugh!

I LOVED READING _____

Coral Peeks

Make a splash with a book about underwater exploration.

I LOVED READING _____



Magic Meadow

Choose a magical book that lets your imagination roam free.

I LOVED READING _____



KEEP EXPLORING!

Grade One Supply List

Sharpened pencils - 4

Scissors

Glue sticks – 4

Take home & class folder – 3

Pencil box

Box of crayons (16)

Water colors paint tray (8)

Colored pencils (10)

Painting shirt

White board marker – 2

Notebook – 2

Large eraser – 2

Black sharpie marker for art – 1

Kleenex – 2 boxes

Wipes (for table and hands) – 1 of each

Please kindly check with your child periodically during the year to see if supplies need replenishing.

Thank you.

Mrs. Rulnick