

Summer Assignment

Avoiding Reading and Math Slump for Grade 2

I am so proud of 1st grade for all the progress they have made this year. We have worked so hard to establish a solid foundation for continued literacy and math learning. For math practice over the summer your child should continue working on the website www.zearn.org for grade 1 or IXL grade 1 if they have completed Zearn. If they finish both programs please go on to Grade 2 for Zearn or go back into the lessons for Grade 1 Zearn to review. For reading practice I am asking that your child record the books they have read on the sheet provided. I have included an additional page with some wonderful ideas to build on literacy that look like a lot of fun.

I know it is easy over the summer to get caught up in fun activities and have good intentions to practice and fall short. I am speaking from my personal experience with my own children. Consistency is the key to your child maintaining what they have learned this year. Your child will benefit much more if they practice a little each day and you make it fun for them. Too often teachers complain that when students return from summer that it seems they are starting from scratch. With a little consistent review over the summer, I believe all the students will be ready to start Grade 2 without losing any academic time of having to go back to review.

When to Fit it All in

Books and other reading materials can be made available during transition times. Children can read on the way to a destination, at the park, at the beach, or while waiting for an appointment. The library can, of course, be a great resource. Keep in mind that reading books that seem slightly below a child's reading level or books that have become "old favorites" can help a developing reader to build confidence and fluency.

Resources For Math and Reading

The website www.engageny.org is a great free resource. We have mostly used this website for our math this year but it is also a great reading resource. From this website you can gain access to great age appropriate reading material. It will not read to your child however, as each reader is in PDF format. You can very easily download First or Second Grade readers in PDF format. If you have an iPad the books can be downloaded in iBooks and they don't need to be connected to the internet to access them.

I love the website <https://www.getepic.com>. It has more than 20,000 books. It is \$4.99 a month, but free for the first month. We have used this site a lot this year. It has read to me books, audio books, and many great selections of books to choose from.

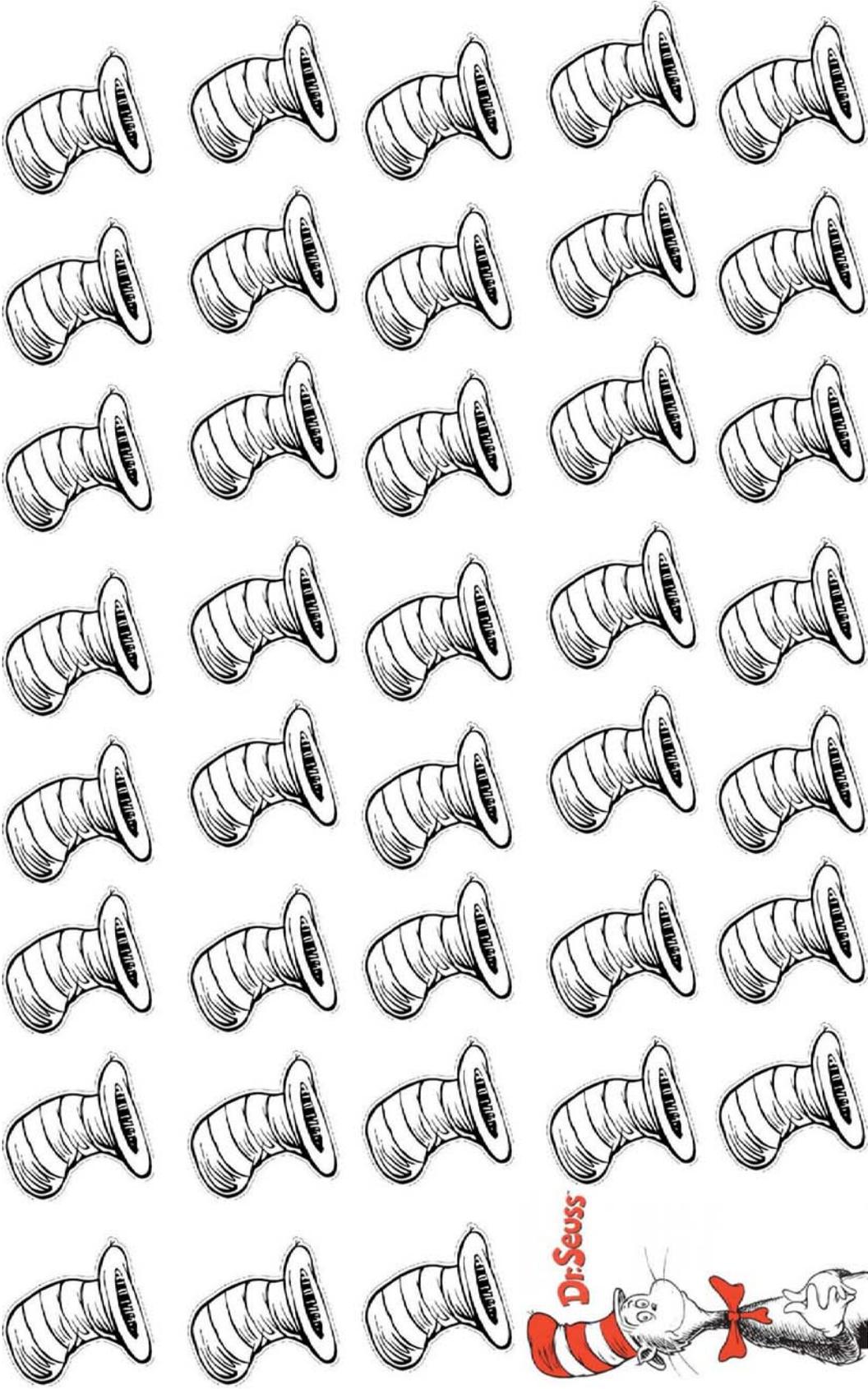
I have recently discovered a book that your child might like for math review. It is not a workbook but covers many math concepts. It is *Usborne First Illustrated Math Dictionary* by Kirsteen Rogers. If you do a video search of this book you can see what it contains and decide if it is something your child would benefit from or enjoy.

Please contact me if you need any more suggestions or resources at degnanr@st-joe.org or rdegnan@st-joe.org. I have really enjoyed having your child this year. I feel blessed to have been given the chance to form a bond with your child. My greatest hope would be that I instilled a love for learning in them and helped play a part in developing their faith. I pray that you all have a happy and safe summer.

Mrs. Degnan

Name: _____ (Each hat is 1 hour of reading.)

Color 3 red stripes on every hat for every hour you read this summer.



I read _____ hours this summer!