

Dear Hynes Families,

The Kindergarten Team cannot believe that we are approaching the end of the school year! We are so thankful to have had such a sweet, hard-working group of students. Students have worked so hard through all the adversity that was presented to them. Regardless of this chaotic year, students rose to the challenge and excelled beyond expectations! That itself is a celebration! The Kindergarten Team wanted to provide some tips for this summer to help better prepare students for 1<sup>st</sup> grade:

- Read every day! Studies have shown that children who read every day improve their concentration and communication skills.
- Make writing a fun and everyday activity for your child. It is important to build fine motor stamina. Children write a lot more in 1<sup>st</sup> grade so it is important to continue to work on writing. Make writing fun for your child. Ask your child to write about how they feel, what they are excited about, or even write their own story!
- Look back at old math workbooks. Those are great resources for ideas to work on with your child. Number bonds and number sentences are heavily used in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. It is important to retain those skills.

We, teachers, want to thank you so much for being supportive during this wild school year. We could not have done this without you! WE did this together! Cheers to making it through this year! Have a wonderful summer and RELAX!