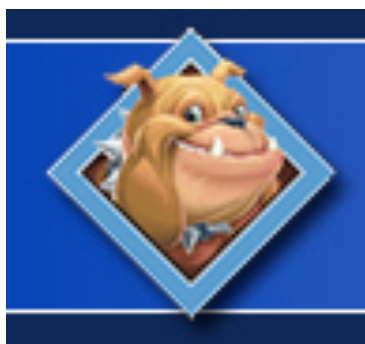


2010 Summer Safari!



The Summer Safari program maintains the connection to the Bancroft community during the summer. Students in the Lower School are required to do the activities prior to the 2010-2011 school year. These projects promote reading and involve the students in activities that will be discussed and shared during the first few weeks of school. **This year we are also including a math component to Summer Safari.**

There are links to book lists for you to use as a guide when selecting books to read this summer. Please note these suggestions but also feel free to choose other titles. Links to math websites and activities are included as well.

Families who are involved in reading together and who show the value of reading through the presence of books, magazines, and newspapers in the home raise lifelong readers. Incorporating mathematical thinking and reasoning in real life applications such as cooking, shopping, and travel planning makes for stronger and deeper understanding. *Family Math* by Jean Kerr Stenmark is a great book to give you ideas of math games your family can play together.

Enjoy the summer and make time to play and read!

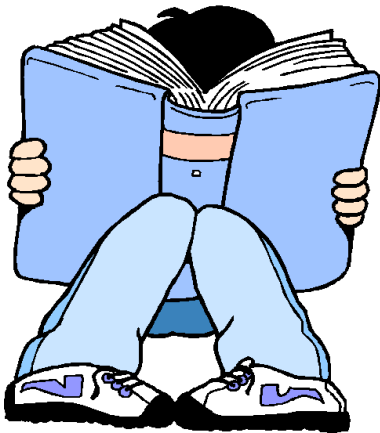


Lisa M. Leach
Lower School Librarian

Summer Safari Activity Entering Grade 1

All first graders are **required** to do **two** activities during the summer. Students should bring the completed book review sheets on the first day of school.

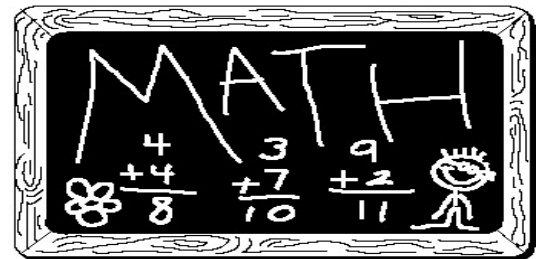
Activity 1. For Mrs. Leach (Library)



Read a minimum of **five** books. Reading is always fun with mom or dad or a buddy. For each book, write a description. Bring the description sheets to school in September. Work sheets for your book descriptions can be printed from the template labeled "Book Report Template." Discuss the main characters and the problems they encounter. What do you think the author is trying to say? List two things you can tell a friend that will make him/her want to read the book. Dad, mom, or an older sibling can help you write your description. If you prefer to write on plain sheets of paper, please do so.

Activity 2. Mathematics

This summer you should practice recognizing the numbers 1 – 100. Make flash cards so you know them by sight. Also practice writing the numbers 1 – 100. Try to form the numbers correctly. Practice counting to 100 by 1's, forward and backward. Also skip count by 10's to 100. We will assess these skills in September. Remember that "math is everywhere"!



Check out these websites to practice your facts on.

<http://www.aplusmath.com/Flashcards/index.html>

<http://www.vectorkids.com/vktimedflashcards.htm>

<http://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards.html>

<http://www.math-play.com/Multiplicaton-Jeopardy/Multiplication-Jeopardy.html>

Book Report Template

Name:

Class:

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline.