

Dear Parents,

Thank you for sharing your children with us and for all you did throughout the year! We had a fantastic year full of learning and fun. We enjoyed watching each child's personality bloom, seeing him/her form friendships, and growing academically and spiritually.

There are several things you can do with your child over the summer to help them continue to strengthen their skills and prepare them for next school year. The PK3 team suggestions include:

- Read to your child each day
- Practice writing weekly, especially names. Make sure they start at the top and hold their writing utensil correctly (tripod grip)
- Discuss the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. Make a game out of it by pointing to something and having your child saying the beginning letter.
- Play number games to help strengthen number recognition skills especially if they have not retained 1-10.
- Have him/her count anything (stairs, cars, socks, etc.)
- For fine motor skills, coloring and painting are great!
- Trace something and have your child cut it out.
- Practice the prayers- Grace: blessing before meals, Glory Be, and Guardian Angel.
- To help promote independence and service, ask them to complete small chores around the house (i.e. make their bed, put up condiments after a meal, etc.)

Website ideas for games and activities:

- [www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)
- [www.education.com/worksheets](http://www.education.com/worksheets) (click preschool worksheets)
- [www.learninggamesforkids.com](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com) (click preschool games)
- [www.nickjr.com](http://www.nickjr.com) (games and activities tab)
- [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

Free apps:

- Bitsboard, Rocket Speller, Little Writer, Stumpy, ABC Alphabet, Counting Money

All of this will help ensure a successful start in August! Thank you for being involved and for helping your child succeed. We wish you and your family a fantastically fun and safe summer!! Keep learning and making memories. :)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Vazquez and Ms. Bennett  
PK3 Team

