



FCS First Grade Math Summer Practice Challenge

Hello, First Graders!

Listed below is a math summer challenge for you! If you are willing to complete the following **math challenge AND the reading challenge**, Mr. Wink, the school principal, will be doing a special event for all those who complete the summer grade challenges.

Summer Challenge:

Each student is challenged to work on math skills this summer using www.softschools.com or other websites you find that are of the first grade level. The suggested website has a full list of skills (listed on the left side of the webpage) we cover in first grade that will help your child to be ready for the upcoming school year. Each student will be able to work on any of the first grade skills listed on the website. (Many of these skills were covered in our FCS Kindergarten.) Most of the skills are set up in game form, so it makes learning fun. *(You do not need to purchase anything in this program.)*

Each student, accepting the challenge, needs to complete **five math worksheets** that can be printed out from either the *SoftSchools* webpage, any other math website, or workbook (pages can be carefully ripped out) you come across this summer. **If accepting, these five worksheets (name clearly printed on each one) will need to be completed, stapled together, and turned in to his first grade teacher by the first Friday of school.** The worksheets need to be ***math skills*** that show what the student has practiced throughout the summer.

Working Ahead:

Each upcoming first grader will get the choice to work on a program called *Xtramath* next year. This program helps your child work through addition and subtraction facts, as we will be learning families 1-13. *(It will also work through multiplication and division as the student grows in skills through future grades.)* At the beginning of the school year, I will send home a permission slip form that asks the parents if they want their child to work on *Xtramath* for homework or regular flashcard practice. If you choose the *Xtramath* program, I will send home a letter of instructions and a pin number that will allow you to go to <https://xtramath.org> and set up an account for your child using the pin number given. Allowing your child to spend a few minutes daily in this program will greatly benefit him throughout the school year. This program allows you to see your child's progress from the time he starts all the way through the school year.

