

Dear Incoming 1st graders,

We are so excited you are coming to first grade! This summer, while you enjoy vacations, swimming, or playing outside, we also want you to fit in as much time as possible to read! It is so important for you to read as much as you can during the summer. Practice reading to mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, or even the babysitter! It is also great when they read to you; so make plenty of time for that too.

We have picked a book for you to read this summer that we think you will like. It is called **A Kiss for Little Bear** by Else Holmelund Minarik. Have someone read this to you, and then try reading it too! Everyone coming into first grade will have read it, and we will do some activities with the story when school begins.

Here are some tips for your mom or dad:

- Read it more than once to practice fluency.
- Please keep a list of all the books your child read over the summer on a reading log. Click on the following link <http://www.gaschool.org/template/docs/2007SummerReadingLog.pdf> for the reading log. (Reading to him/her counts too!)
- Ask your child questions such as: "What was the story about?" and "What was your favorite part?"

We hope you have a fantastic summer and we will see you in August!



Happy Reading!

The GA 1st grade teachers