



Summer Learning Ideas from 1st grade teachers:

* Set aside a family reading time every day or every other day when everyone reads to help your child work on reading stamina. Spanish reading is preferred. You can find a better selection of books in Spanish at the downtown library than the Cascade library. Senderos online books will still be there for your child to access as well.

* Read to your child.



* Have your child read to you, a sibling, or an animal.

* Watch movies and/or TV in Spanish. Most kid's movies have the option to play in English or Spanish. Look up the 'root menu' or 'set up'.



* Give your child a camera when you take a walk or go somewhere special. Print out the pictures they take and make it into a book. Have your child write about the pictures (Spanish is best, but English is okay too!).

* Write to relatives, find a pen pal, write me emails, or find any other opportunity to write.

* Work on handwriting.

* Practice math skills in the car or any other time. Here are some areas we worked on this year: telling time, counting forward and backward by 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s, place value, fractions, shape names, coin value. Begin small and work with bigger numbers as your child progresses. Check out some of the websites listed on the classroom website, or if you have a tablet, search apps to help with memorization.

* Let your child help you cook!

* Go to a restaurant where they speak Spanish.

* Go to a church where they speak Spanish.

* Allow plenty of free play time for your child and unorganized play time with others!

* Please let your child get bored! This is when they really get innovative and expand their brains!

* I have noticed a lot of students love to draw. There are a couple cool art camp opportunities we thought we'd pass along. Go to www.MarkKistler.com for more information.