

June 2016

Dear Kindergarten Families,

We, the First Grade Team, are looking forward to learning and growing with your child during the 2014-2015 school year. We are excited to share with you our guidelines for the summer reading program, "**Rest, Relax, and Read.**"

This summer we want you to have fun, play, and of course, read! It is our hope that over the summer, and throughout first grade, we will work as a team to nurture and encourage a love of reading in your child. We support and encourage joining the Nordonia Hills Public Library summer reading program (or any other library you frequent).

There are **two (2) parts** incorporated into our expectations for "Rest, Relax, and Read." **First** is a **character study**. We are asking your child to pick any **Eric Carle** book to discover her/his favorite character. Considering the log is meant to be completed throughout the summer, encourage your child to read more than one Eric Carle book before deciding on her/his favorite character for the study sheet. ***Please note:** the work should be all **student generated** from writing to drawing and coloring.

Second is a **book log**. The book log will be used to keep track of **new** (never read before) books that your child reads over the summer. We encourage you to copy the log **before** your child begins filling it out, should you find more pages are needed later in the summer. As you can see, the log includes a place for the title, and also an indicator of how the book was read. Your child should shade the box that matches how each book was read. These indicators encourage a wide variety of reading material. The reading selections should not only be chosen based on your child's ability, but also on his or her interests, since books can be "read to/by an adult." *In keeping with our Common Core goals in Language Arts, we highly recommend that some of your child's reading choices include **nonfiction selections**.*

Attached is also a **Dolch Pre-Primer Sight Vocabulary** list to incorporate into your child's reading practice activities. S/He will be assessed on reading these words towards the beginning of the first grade year.

Please return **both** the **character study** and the **book log** the first week of school.

Yours in Catholic Education,

The First Grade Team ~
Mrs. Dragmen and Mrs. Travaglianti

Eric Carle Character Study

Student's Name: _____

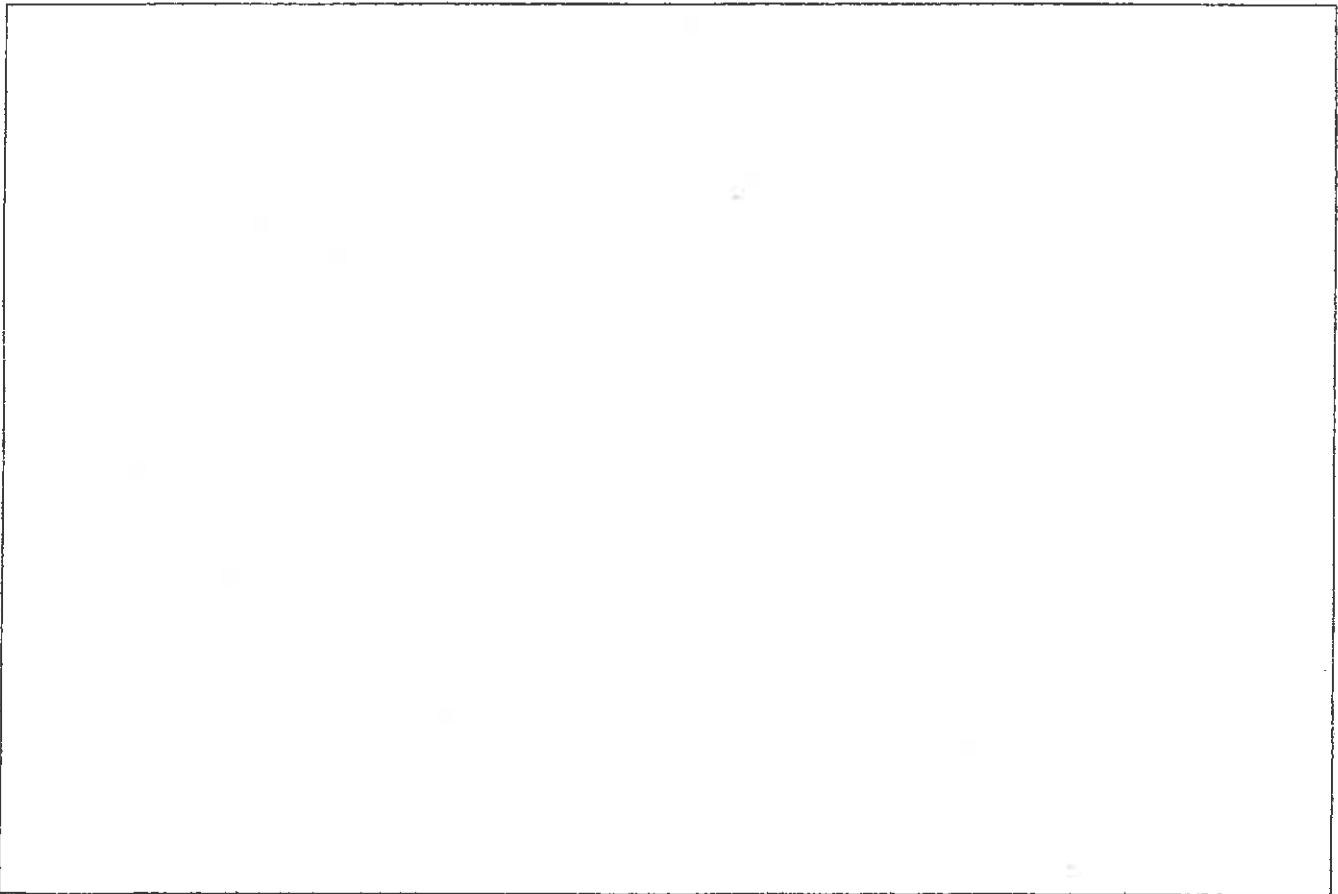
Date: _____

Title: _____

Author: (Eric Carle) _____

My favorite character in this book:

This is what my favorite character looks like:



Name: _____ Summer Reading Story Log

Title	READ ON OWN	READ WITH AN ADULT	READ TO ME BY AN ADULT	FICTION OR NONFICTION (F or NF)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				

Dolch Pre-Primer Sight Vocabulary

Name: _____ Date Pretest: _____ % Correct: _____

Date of test: _____ % Correct: _____

a	I	run
and	in	said
away	is	see
big	it	the
blue	jump	three
can	little	to
come	look	two
down	make	up
find	me	we
for	my	where
funny	not	yellow
go	one	you
help	play	
here	red	



Your child identifies all circled words. Our goal is 100% by the end of November.

Thanks for your help in practicing at home.

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Color code: purple = Sept. blue = Nov. green = Jan. red = March black = May