

**June 2017**

**Dear Incoming First Grade Parents & Guardians,**

As we approach our summer break, it is important that our students continue reading on a daily basis. These summer months provide the perfect opportunity to extend and enrich your child's reading experiences. Attached please find a list of suggested books for your child's grade level and a reading log (you may make as many copies as you need). These books are recommended reading, and this list is to assist you in selecting age-appropriate reading material that your child will enjoy.

We ask that you use the attached Reading Log to keep track of the books your child has read to you. In addition, we are asking that each student do a *"Puppet Project"* on a book. The project will be to first read the book and discuss it with you. The second step will be to take the attached brown bag and create a character from the story. Please be as creative as you wish and make sure your child writes the name of the book and the character in the front of the puppet. Their name should be located in the back of the puppet on the bottom. This will count as their first reading grade for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

The following tips may be helpful for all parents/guardians when selecting books for your child to read this summer:

- \* Encourage your child to select the books that interest them.
- \* Whenever possible, children should read at least 10 minutes per day.
- \* Read aloud to your child, and encourage them to read independently.
- \* Read outside.
- \* Set aside a portion of the day as DEAR time - Drop Everything and Read.

**\*Encourage your child to read magazines, newspapers, even the back of a cereal box!**

**\*Ask your child questions about the book; who, what, where, why, when, and how.**

**\*Review comprehension, vocabulary and listening skills when reading aloud.**

**Many of the books on the list are available at the Harlingen Public Library. In addition there are several summer reading clubs and programs available at the Harlingen Public Library.**

**Whether on the beach or hanging inside on a rainy day.....don't forget to curl up with a good book!**

**Have a wonderful and safe summer! See you all in August!**

**Mrs. Lozano & Ms. Gonzalez**

### **FIRST GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST**

**I Took my Frog to the Library – by Eric Kimmel**

**Sheep In A Jeep – by Nancy Shaw**

**I'm A Caterpillar – by Jean Morzollo**

**Sammy The Seal – by Syd Hoff**

**Captain Cat – by Syd Hoff**

**Nicky Upstairs And Down – by Harriet Ziefert**

## Example of Puppet Project

