



# WILMINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Lower School Summer Learning Entering First Grade

Summer is a great time for children to take a break from a formal learning structure, but it is never good for anyone to take a break from learning. Our hope is that you approach the summer with the goals of fostering your child's love of learning and creating opportunities for growth and discovery in your child. Our goal is that you take advantage of the special summer days to encourage your child's curiosity, creativity, reading, and growth. Have a wonderful summer connecting with your child and making memories!

Here are some ideas:

- Tours of museums and historical sites
- Games (educational, board, puzzles, outdoor...)
- Vacation Bible School or other faith-based opportunities
- Building a project or creating something fun
- Learn a new skill (swimming, sewing, sport, etc.)
- Outdoor adventures (nature treasure hunt, hiking, start an insect collection...)
- Keep a summer journal
- Create a photo album or scrapbook

### **Bible:**

Students are encouraged to read with a parent. The passages below are snapshots of our curriculum.

#### *God is...*

Creator (Genesis 1)

Always with us (Psalm 139: 7-10)

Father (Isaiah 64:8)

King (Psalm 47:6-8)

Love (I John 4:7-8)

Holy (Isaiah 6:3)

#### *The Gospel*

Sin enters the world (Genesis 2)

Sin separated us from God (Romans 3:23)

Jesus died on the cross for our sin (John 3:16)

Salvation only comes through Jesus (John 14:6)

Salvation is a gift from God (Romans 6:23)

We can have a relationship with God if we recognize we have sin and ask Jesus to forgive our sin (I John 1:9)

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*I am a child of God!*

God created you uniquely (Psalm 139)

Child of God through faith (Galatians 3:26-27)

Through salvation we are sons and daughters of God (John 1:12)

*How we should treat others...*

Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12)

The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40)

Love is... (1 Corinthians 13)

**Language Arts:**

Students are encouraged to read books of their choice with a parent. Suggested authors are listed below. Please select a variety of authors.

Danielle Hitchen

Leo Lionni

Verna Aardema

Syd Hoff

Martin Jenkins

Eric Carle

Joanna Cole

Laura Joffe Numeroff

Grimm Brothers' Fairy Tales

Gail Gibbons

Steven Kellogg

Russel Hoban

Jane Yolen

Marc Brown

Arnold Lobel

Devon Provencher

Else Holmelund Minarik

Barbara Davoll

Ruth Heller

Tony Johnston

Nancy E. Shaw

Dr. Seuss

Jan Brett

Kevin Henkes

Judith Viorst

Ezra Jack Keats

Andrea Beaty

Tommy dePaola

**Parental Guidelines:** Please read books to/with your child. Even if your child is already a reader, it is beneficial to spend time reading together to help your child become a fluent reader. Fluent readers have an appropriate rate, expression, accuracy, and comprehension. For greater understanding, as you read discuss the details of character, setting, problem, and solution. Also, encourage your child to make and explain predictions throughout the story. (Example: What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?) You can also model making connections to the text. (Examples: Last week we baked a cake like the character in the story. Joseph forgave his brothers just like you forgave me. The character lives in Florida just like we visited Florida.)