



# What's the Buzz in Room 6?

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Dear First Grade Families and Friends,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for all of the time and support you have given your child this year! First grade is such an amazing time to watch your child blossom. This year we have seen Kindergarteners who were just starting to figure out what school is, turn into readers, writers, mathematicians, social thinkers, and helpful community members. I am amazed at the progress our students have made throughout the year, and don't have a doubt in my mind that they will continue to learn and grow into responsible, respectful, lifelong learners!

Please remember how important it is to continue practicing and learning throughout the summer. Your child worked very hard to get this far and the summer months are a crucial time for developing children. Without accessing the knowledge and skills learned in first grade, students can remain stagnant or even fall back. With continued reading, writing, math, and social practices over the summer, your child will retain his/her skills and be ready for second grade in September.

I wish you all a fun, healthy, fulfilling summer. Please do not hesitate to email me at [Kkantrow@mpspride.org](mailto:Kkantrow@mpspride.org) for any reason. Our students will always be members of my first grade family and I encourage them to visit anytime for years to come to keep me updated on all the amazing things they are doing.

All the best, Ms. Kantrow

## Student of the Month:

*Ayla!*

## Grow Awards:

Great choices: John

Reach for your best: Jaden

Open to learning: Caden M.

We support each other: *Destiny*

## Summer Suggestions

- **Read:** Parents should read to their child every day. Children improve more quickly when an adult asks questions about the material.
- **On the road:** Play "I Spy" with road signs for numbers, colors and shapes. Ask older children to estimate and calculate the travel time to a destination.
- **Get outdoors:** Take children to parks and trails for walks or to ride bicycles, or plant a garden or flowers together. Spend time before the outing to gather information and ask children about the plants and wildlife they encounter.
- **In your city:** Take trips to the museum or other cultural amenities during free admission days. Find free or inexpensive camps through your city's parks and recreation department, school or other groups.
- **Volunteer:** Ask a friend or relative to host a child at his or her workplace for a day, or take your child to pick up litter or volunteer at a soup kitchen or senior center.
- **In the kitchen:** Allow a child to help out by measuring ingredients and reading recipes. Ask more challenging questions such as how many pints are in a quart and how to divide ingredients.

