



Summer Reading Activities

First Grade

Dear First Grade Students and Families,

There will be two required assignments for your child to complete by the first day of school. These activities will not only provide quality family time as you read together, but will also give your child a finished product to share with their new classmates when they return to school in August. Please bring the project to share on the first day of school.

Your child should read (or be read to) at least 15 minutes a day. Books can be of any genre or on any subject that is of interest to your child. Easy chapter books are also a great read for the summer.

Activity #1: Have your child choose a favorite book that is on their level and not too high or not too low. This should be a “just right” book for them to read over the summer and complete a sequence of events graphic organizer with the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Students should illustrate each wheel as well as write one sentence to go along with each illustration.

Illustrations can be done with crayons, markers, colored pencils, cut & pasted construction paper, etc...your child should have fun with it while doing his/her best work! Some recommended books are:

Cecil, Randy. *Horsefly and Honeybee*

Reagan, Jean. *How to Babysit a Grandpa*

Schwartz, Cory Rosen. *The Three Ninja Pigs*

and any chapter books that are on their level

Activity #2: The **Summer Writing Program** is a tool with which your child can regularly practice his/her developing writing skills. Once a month, your child should write or draw what he or she has been doing (e.g., attending camp, traveling, playing at home, etc.). Your child should be encouraged to write more than one sentence ("tell me all about it"). Although basic mechanics might be checked at home, such as starting sentences with a capital letter, there should not be over emphasis on spelling and mechanics. The goal is to keep your child writing, maintaining skill in getting their great ideas down on paper and enjoying it.

Summer journal entry #1: How do you like summer so far?
Draw a picture of your June fun.

Summer Journal entry #2: Did you see any fireworks on the
4th of July?
Draw a picture of your 4th of July

Summer Journal entry #3: Are you thinking about going
back to school?
Are you nervous?, excited?, scared?
Draw a picture of yourself in 1st Grade.

Fun things to do with Mom and Dad

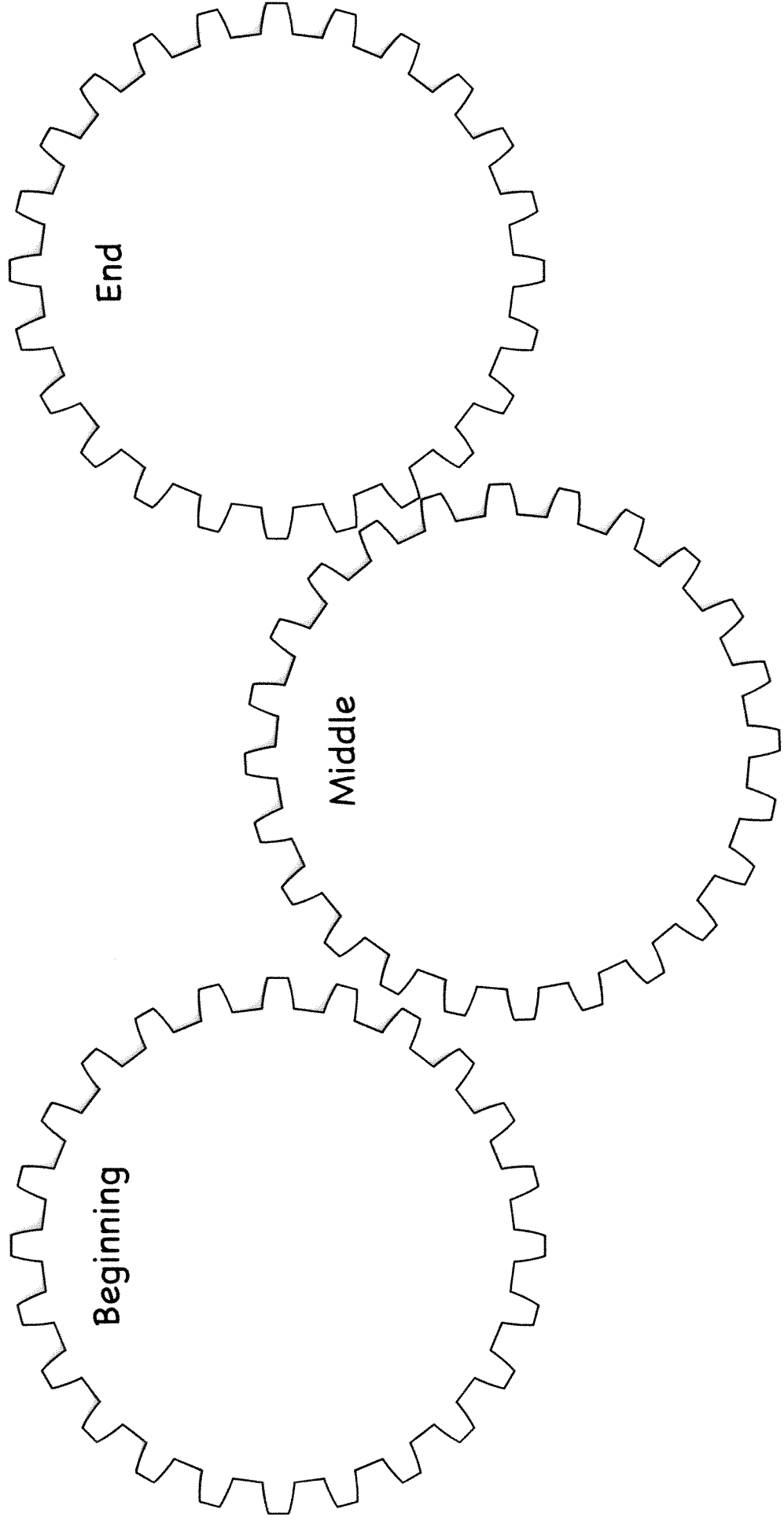
- Read daily for at least 15 minutes
- Count to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's
- Write a 3 – 4 sentence story
- Sing your alphabet sounds to 3 people
- Tell someone a fairy tale story
- Write a list of words that end in “at”
- Say the Pledge of Allegiance
- Practice your sight words and write them down
- Write your kindergarten teacher a letter and MAIL IT to the school.
- Hunt for vowels in a piece of junk mail
- Sing a song from our chapel
- Write a list of words that begin with O, W, L, S
- Write your lowercase and uppercase letters correctly – (Start your letters at the top)
- Write your first and last name 10 times
- Draw a picture using shapes
- Be quiet for 10 minutes then write about and illustrate what you heard
- Keep a list of all the books you read over the summer.
Record them on the Summer Reading Log.

Which ones did you do?

Check the ones that you did.

Name _____

Book Title: _____



Instructions: Have students write the book title on the line above. Then have them write or draw about the beginning, middle, and end of the book.

