



## Rising JK Summer Learning FUN-2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Edward-Epiphany School!

We are excited about meeting and teaching your child in the fall!

Below are our suggested learning activities that will best support your child as they start their educational journey here at SEES! We recommend that you and your child complete these activities throughout the summer. We hope you have a wonderful summer vacation!

Blessings,

Mrs. Hoag and Mrs. Morgan

### **READING**

**Reading with your child is one of the most enjoyable and educational activities you can do as a parent.** During the summer months we recommend that you spend 15 to 20 minutes a day reading aloud to your child. Set aside time before or after dinner and before bed. **If you do nothing else this summer, do this!!! READ, READ, READ!**

#### When reading with your child...

\*Establish regular reading times and reread favorite books

\*Be enthusiastic

\*Encourage children to talk about the book

\*Change your voice & facial expressions

\*Ask children questions before and after reading

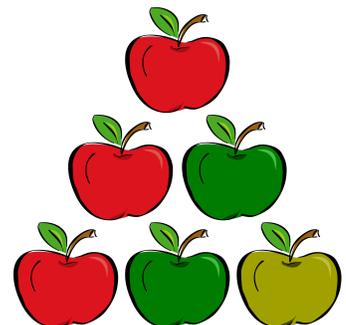
\*Help children notice new information

\*Point out pictures as they relate to the story

\*Read many kinds of books

\*Choose books that help you teach

\*Explain words they may not know to help increase vocabulary



## **LISTENING AND FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS**

**The ability to follow directions is the basis of all learning.** When giving your child direction, provide your child eye contact at eye level, short and specific wording (go inside, coat off), WAIT TIME!! 3-7- count it out in your head before repeating the direction, make cleaning up a game when you can (red light/ green light (stop and go!) Simon says- pick up the car, Simon says- throw away your trash).

### Practice:

\*Listen to and learn songs from children's music/dvd

\*Practice self-help skills such as buttoning and zipping clothing

\*Complete puzzles

\*Encourage your child to follow two and three step directions

\*Practice rhyming words

\*Practice recognizing and creating patterns

\*Encourage clean up time and make it fun

\*Quiz your child on basic colors and shapes

\*Practice using directional words such as *over, under, beside, on top, below, right, and left*

## **MATH**

Practicing math can happen anywhere and it is a great idea to have your child notice math everywhere we go, the grocery store, a restaurant, and even in the car!

- Compare sizes, shapes, and patterns with items you can find around the house or on a nature walk! (think blocks, leaves, buttons, M&M's, marbles)
- Play matching games
- Child can count verbally (1-10, 10-1)
- Child can recognize numbers when they see them

## **OUTSIDE FUN**

- Use sidewalk chalk to practice writing letters, numbers, your child's name, and shapes
- Using a bucket of water and a large paint brush, have your child "paint" the sidewalk, deck, driveway
- To improve gross motor skills, kick and throw different sized balls, jump rope, swim, play on the monkey bars
- Have your child help you work in the yard or garden or take an "adventure walk"