

## Preventing the Summer Slide

Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard this year on reading among other things. They will need to continue to practice just like any other skill.

There is a lot of research on what educators call the “summer slide”. Many students return to school in the fall not reading as well as when they left in June. Children who do not read at all over the summer can lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Reading at home can keep your child from losing the new skills they have gained during the school year.

So what can you do?

1. Make reading fun. Instead of reading as something your child HAS to do, make it something they WANT to do. Read with them or to them, take a book to the park or by the pool, read before dinner and then discuss what you read, make a “book club” with their friends where they all read the same book then get together to talk about it or maybe do a craft activity, include a book as part of a play date ....so many ideas!
2. Check into summer reading programs at our local libraries. We are fortunate to have some great programs at even our smaller libraries. Take a look at these websites for more information :

**Flower Memorial Library - Watertown**

[www.flowermemoriallibrary.org](http://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org)

Registration for the summer reading program starts in the beginning of June. Follow them on Facebook for information on all summer events or check their calendar of events on the website.

**Robert C McEwen Library - Fort Drum**

[www.drum.armymwr.com/programs/library](http://www.drum.armymwr.com/programs/library)

Follow them on Facebook for story time options, summer reading, special events, etc

**Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library - Black River**

[www.sallyploofhunterlibrary.org](http://www.sallyploofhunterlibrary.org) Check out their website for details or follow them on Facebook

3. Going on a vacation? Instead of video games or movies in the car how about a word game or a bag of books? If you go to the website [www.teacherspayteachers.com](http://www.teacherspayteachers.com) you can search for a free download called "Read and Write on the Road". It has pages you can print out to make a booklet with suggestions for word games and activities you can do in the car so your child will be too busy to ask, "Are we there yet?"
4. If you have access to an iPad there are tons of interactive books and apps that address early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.
5. Know that you ARE making a difference. We see it every year - our students make great progress in their reading skills and then when they come back to school in the Fall they are 2 or more levels below where they left off. It may take until October or November to catch back up. Just think if every student at IHC read over the summer and came back to school reading at the same level or above where they left us in June ...we could hit the ground running and make even more progress for the school year ahead.
6. Please use these resources to help with your summer reading, There are so many other resources to use - some of the best websites are Pinterest, Teachers pay Teachers, and Scholastic. Scholastic even offers book packs for summer reading based on your child's grade. Check out the activities at your local library - most are fun and free! Above all, ENJOY your summer and make reading a fun part of it.
7. Not sure what books to read? Try these websites for suggestions based on age and grade level :  
[www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading)  
[www.readingrockets.org/books/summer](http://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer)  
[www.readbrightly.com/summer-reading-central/](http://www.readbrightly.com/summer-reading-central/)  
[www.weareteachers.com/summer-reading-list-for-kids/](http://www.weareteachers.com/summer-reading-list-for-kids/)

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at :  
[patti.mcelheran@ihcschool.org](mailto:patti.mcelheran@ihcschool.org) I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer ...happy reading!

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# Summer Reading Bingo

## Directions

Summer Reading Bingo is to be played all summer long to encourage reading in a fun and engaging way!

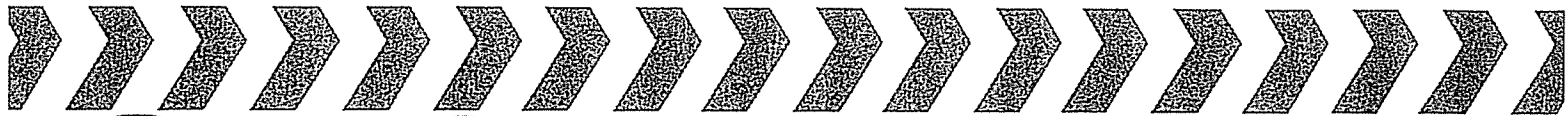
B I N G O				
Read for 20 minutes	Check out a book from the library	Read a biography	Read a fiction book	Read at a park
Read a newspaper	Read by a flashlight	Read for 10 minutes	Read a book that has won an award	Go outside and read
Read to a parent or adult	Read on the beach	Free Space	Read in your pajamas	Read a book with no pictures
Read a poetry book	Read a non-fiction book	Read 3 books by the same author	Read for 30 minutes	Read a chapter book
Read under a tree	Make a fort and read in it	Read for one hour	Read to a pet	Read with a friend or sibling

To play:

students complete a summer reading activity and then color in the square when it's finished

To get a bingo, five in a row (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal) must be completed.

For an extra challenge, students can try for a full board bingo and complete all the activities!



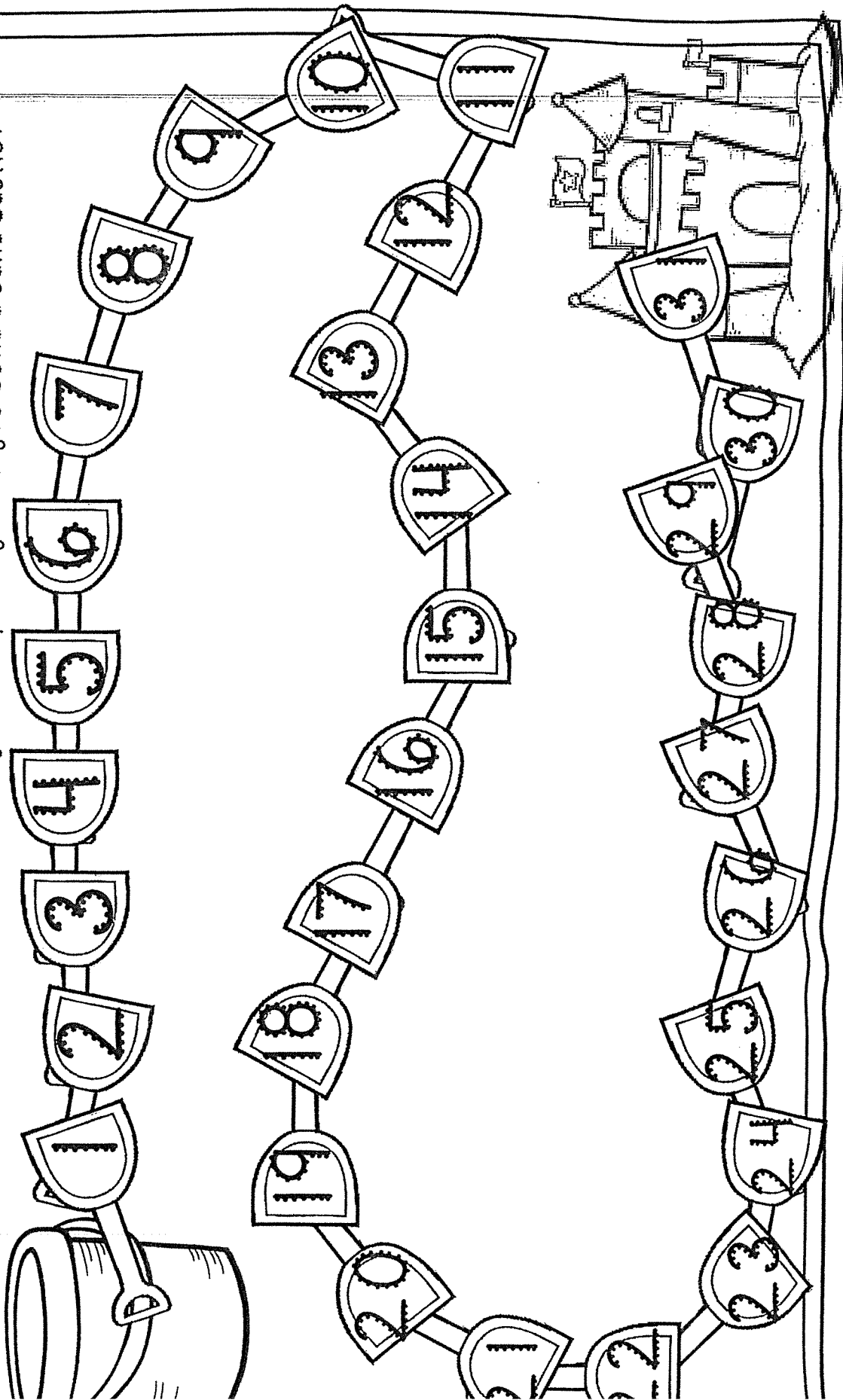
# B I N G O

Read for 20 minutes	Check out a book from the library	Read a biography	Read a fiction book	Read at a park
Read a newspaper	Read by a flashlight	Read for 10 minutes	Read a book that has won an award	Go outside and read
Read to a parent or adult	Read on the beach	Free Space	Read in your pajamas	Read a book with no pictures
Read a poetry book	Read a non-fiction book	Read 3 books by the same author	Read for 30 minutes	Read a chapter book
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# On My Way to 1st Grade!

## JULY Reading Log

Color in a shovel for every 20 minutes you read per day. Can you build a sand castle?

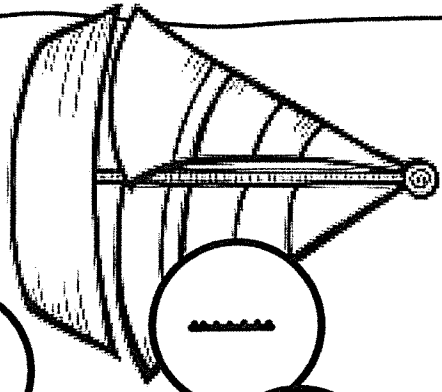




# On My Way to 1st Grade!

## August Reading Log

Color in a bubble for every 20 minutes you read per day. Can you get the boat to the water?



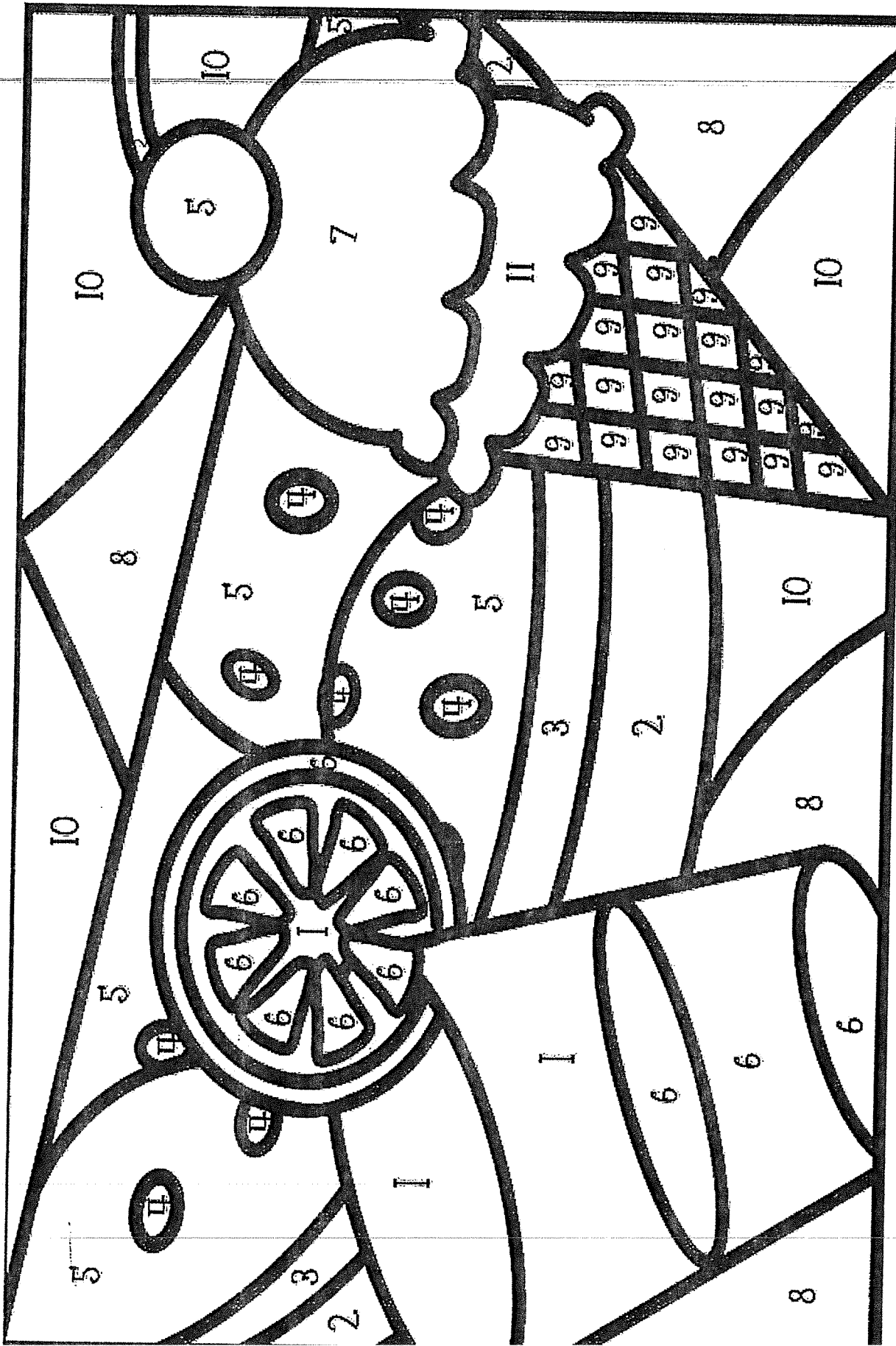
A path of 31 numbered bubbles leading from the sailboat to the finish line. The bubbles are arranged in two rows: the top row contains bubbles 1 through 12, and the bottom row contains bubbles 13 through 31. The numbers are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

Finish

620 minutes!







Color Key    White: 1    Black: 4    Red: 5    Yellow: 6    Brown: 7    Light Brown: 9  
                  Green: 2    Light Green: 3    Blue: 8    Light Blue: 10    Pink: 11

