

Summer Reading Project for First Graders!

Dear Incoming First Graders and Parents,

Welcome to your first Hawthorne summer reading project! Miss Thomas and Mrs. Wilson selected a great book to start us thinking about our families. We hope you enjoy spending time together and working on this project.

Find a spot in the house where you and your child can read and discuss the story The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant – a Caldecott Honor Book. In this story, the author reminisces about a time her relatives traveled to visit her family! It's a great book to introduce our first grade Social Science theme – families! During the school year we will be discussing family roles, traditions, and our ancestors.

Before the end of the summer, please take some time to talk to your child about your family. Look together at family photographs, discussing the people in the photos and who they are in your family. How often do you see each family member? Do some live out of town, out of state, out of country? How and when did your family members first come to Chicago? Where did they live before?

During the first week of the new school year, we will be discussing our families and reading together this wonderful book. This will be a theme throughout the entire school year and we would like to ask that each student come to school with the attached handout completed.

We cannot wait to hear these stories about our families!!

Looking forward to a great school year,
Miss Thomas (103) & Mrs. Wilson (107)