

WELCOME

to 6th Grade!

Summer Preparation for 6th Grade

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2020-2021 year! As you enjoy your summer, we have some guidelines to assure your child is prepared to excel in the 6th grade.

Math

Practice math regularly to keep your skills sharp!

- Your child should be able to fluently add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers. (3 and 4 digits)
- He/She should also be able to add, subtract, and multiply decimals and fractions.
- Being able to tell time on an analog (with a face) clock helps with elapsed time and fractions.
- If you encourage your child to help in the kitchen (measuring ingredients) and garage (working with different sized wrenches and sockets), it will greatly enhance their understanding of specific amounts.
- Know measurement conversions - lengths and volume
- Knowing the multiplication tables through the 12s is also mandatory for mastery of basic math skills. Mastery is when a child can complete a problem with no prompting from an outside source.
- Your child has free access to IXL through July, which is a wonderful way for them to review skills, or challenge themselves to try new skills.

Reading

- Expose your child to a variety of reading materials this summer. Newspapers, online articles, magazines and a variety of genres will help to develop vocabulary and a curiosity of current events.
- Encourage them to read aloud to you each night from their favorite book AND discuss it together. (PLEASE see the back of this document for data to support the importance of daily reading)
- EPIC will be free until June 7th and then they will offer a 30 day trial - it gives instant access to 40,000 digital books!!
- Summarizing and retelling a story, whether orally or written, is a powerful tool to increase comprehension, build vocabulary, and strengthen literacy skills. Your child should be accustomed to creating a 5 sentence paragraph using the "hamburger" graphic organizer. Encourage him/her to practice summarizing the books they read.
- IXL also offers opportunities to practice English/Language Arts

Social Studies/Science

- This summer, why not go on a virtual field trip to a place that interests your child or family. There are zoos, museums, parks, etc. that have made virtual field trips available during this time of staying home.
- If taking a vacation this summer becomes possible, take one day to visit a historical or science related site. There are many great educational places that would make a fun day trip such as visiting the Little White House and Museum in Warm Springs, Georgia, the planetarium in Montgomery, and DeSoto Caverns in Childersburg, Alabama.
- Watching scientific and historical documentaries with your child can be very beneficial.
- Above all, encourage your child to be curious about the beautiful world God has created for us.

We look forward to greeting you in the fall!

Happy Summer,

READ

20 MINUTES A DAY



STUDENT A
reads at home


20
min/day

STUDENT B
reads at home


5
min/day

STUDENT C
reads at home


1
min/day

THEY WILL HEAR

1,800,000

282,000

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR

851

212

42

HOURS BY 6TH GRADE

AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS,
THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN

90%

50%

10%

OF THEIR PEERS

Source: <http://needsbq.org/2014/11/19/read-20-minutes-day/>