

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Please see the information below regarding summer math and reading:

We hope your summer is off to a great start! As you know, reading, writing, and practicing math skills during the summer months is an important way to keep students' skills sharp, and helps in the transition from summer vacation to the school year. ***Below are some requirements and suggestions for your child to work on over the summer.***

### ***Reading***

We encourage students to read as often and as much as possible. With that being said, ***we require students to read and reflect on at least two books of their own choosing over the summer. Book choices should include one fiction and one non-fiction selection.*** After reading each book, your child will prepare a "1-minute book talk" using the [Fiction Book Talk Template](#) and the [Non-Fiction Book Talk Template](#). Completed book talks will be turned in to your child's Language Arts teacher at the beginning of the school year. Teachers will then ask students to share their book talks with their classmates as part of the beginning of the year activities. In addition, we strongly encourage your child to record all summer reading onto the Governor's Reading Journal:

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/CTRead/SR2019\\_journal.pdf?la=en](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/CTRead/SR2019_journal.pdf?la=en)

### ***Math***

Math activity calendars [provide fun activities that encourage ongoing practice of math skills and take only minutes to complete. The links for the month and grade can be found below. In addition to the calendars, the state has introduced the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge for students exiting grades 1-8. This exciting program sends a daily math problem, via email, that provides your child with engaging math practice and opportunities to earn badges to track their progress. You can click on the link below to enroll your child/children:

<https://www.quantiles.com/parents-students/find-math-resources-to-support-classroom-learning/summer-math-challenge/>

Be sure to scroll all the way down to register your child/children.

[July Going into 5th Math Calendar](#)

[August Going into 5th Math Calendar](#)

[July Going into 6th Math Calendar](#)

[August Going into 6th Math Calendar](#)

We hope you will encourage your child to read, read, read and to participate in as many of the math challenges as possible. We wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing your children in late August!

Sincerely,

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