

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Incoming Third Grade Children,

Many children experience learning loss when they do not engage in educational activities during the 40+ days of summer break. It has been proven that some of the previous year's learning may be forgotten unless we engage children in activities that will help them maintain and even grow their academic skills during this time.

This package of fun, engaging "bridge activities" is designed to review second grade skills, and preview some third grade skills while keeping your child practicing problem solving and higher level thinking skills. Some children may need assistance, while others may complete these exercises independently. There are two activity pages per day for 20 days, however, completing one side per day is fine. The bonus outdoor learning experiences, science experiments, and social studies provide refreshing diversity, and family interaction, to enrich and deepen your child's knowledge and prepare him/her for the upcoming year.

The section begins with a goal setting activity, a word list, and information about fitness and character development. The learning activity pages (Day 1, Day 2, etc.) cover reading comprehension, writing, and grammar skills. Math activities extend knowledge of number sense, addition, subtraction, geometry, measurement, time, and money.

Literacy is the single most important skill that your child needs to be successful in school. The attached Summer Reading list includes fiction and nonfiction titles available at our public library. Children should read about 20 minutes a day and share a summary of what they read with an older sibling or adult.

Math skills will be thoroughly reinforced through the Mathletics and XtraMath online programs. Children love doing these rewarding programs, and as little as 10 minutes a day will make a difference.

You will need to commit 60 minutes a day for the following summer learning activities:

Learning Activity Pages: Days 1 – 20 – total 40 days (for example: Two-sided page labeled Day 1, would be completed over two days.)

Summer Literacy: Read 20 minutes a day. Select from attached fiction and nonfiction book list. Children share their book with an adult, summarizing the plot, and describing characters and sequence of action.

Mathletics: Between 10 and 15 minutes a day to complete the prescribed online activities

XtraMath: Between 5 and 10 minutes a day to complete practice of addition and subtraction facts.

Accountability in Q1: Children will be graded on completed days 1- 20 activity pages. Mathletics and XtraMath scores are posted for teacher and applied toward math grade. Lists of books read will start the Super Star points for each child.

\*\* Extra packets available in the office during the summer.