

Good afternoon middle school students!

I hope that you have had a fun start to the Summer! You certainly have worked hard enough throughout the year and have earned a well-deserved break and to hang with friends, soak up the sun, and make memories with your families!

Summer Assignments

As you know, we have always provided a summer assignment for enrolled students in an effort to keep their brains working and to stay ahead of what's to come in the upcoming grade. Historically, these assignments have been required and completion has counted as a grade during the first quarter. This year, we are doing things a little different. The assignment will no longer be counted as a grade, but students who complete the assignments will earn the opportunity to attend a fun, off campus activity during the school day. While details have not been coordinated yet, our thought is to bring students who complete these assignments to something like AstroSkate, Sunrise Lanes, Celebration Station, etc., within the first few weeks of the school year.

How to access the assignment instructions:

Students will complete assignments in English and in Math. The assignments have been uploaded into a Google Drive Folder so that you can access it from anywhere. Please use this link to view the assignments: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Mnu3GhrB9M6eU41SH6UAYWALpOpJHGsq?usp=sharing>

Eligibility for the off campus activity

In order to be eligible to participate in the activity, students must complete **both** the English and math assignments in their entirety. Be sure to read the assignment instructions carefully to ensure that all requirements are met.

Getting Started

Feel free to get started at your earliest convenience! Go to the google drive folder at the link above and select the grade level that you are moving into. For Math, note that "most" IXLs are updated and ready for you. If you log in and don't see skills assigned to you, it should be done by next Monday. If you have issues with getting into IXL or do not have skills assigned by Monday, please let me know.

As a partner with you in your child's education, it is important to us that we offer these opportunities to your child. Research has much to say regarding maintaining an active brain during the summer months. Summer learning loss is a real thing and has a significant impact on student achievement upon their return in August. Therefore, I strongly urge you to take advantage of these assignments in order to ensure the success of your child in the upcoming school year. Further, it is important to know that these assignments are being offered because English and Math teachers will not have time at the beginning of the year to provide an in-depth review of what has been covered previously, but instead they will dive into the new concepts and skills at grade level right at the start. So, do your part to stay engaged and ready for August! Please partner with me in encouraging your child to spend some time on these assignments and ensure that they have completed them.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your family. Please reach out if you have any questions!

Mr. C.