

June 11, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter the summer season, after what has been a most unusual spring, it is important to talk with school age children about their academic and social-emotional growth.

One of the best activities to which all students and families should commit is to read daily. Parents are encouraged to discuss expectations with children and make reading part of the daily routine during the summer. As little as 30 daily minutes of reading, or being read to for our youngest students, pays great dividends. The link to the district provided 2020 summer reading lists can be found here. The school librarians have worked closely with the Warren Township librarian in developing the lists. Setting aside a few times a week to engage in math activities can help maintain grade level math skills. This need not take the form of the big grade level workbooks found on Amazon or at Barnes and Noble. Instead, consider using web based math games and resources to achieve this goal. The Math and ELA web based resources within the links below provide variety through an adaptive or gamified platform. It is important to note that the links are summer options and that the district will not necessarily be providing individual feedback or continued access to the programs during the upcoming school year. It is also important to note that students will continue to have access to ClassLink resources like Newsela, Brainpop, and iReady.

PreK-2 Resources
3-5 Resources
6-8 Resources

Also, we recognize that in light of this past spring and the current environment, families may need resources and support for children's mental health and social-emotional well-being. The link below explains how COVID19 might impact children, how and when to seek help, and other important resources and contacts.

Mental Health Resources

The district's website will include a Summer Resources link which will be active once Summer Fun Registration closes. You can access the link here. Please feel free to visit this site during the summer months. Resources may be added or adjusted as the summer progresses. We wish you all a joyful and safe summer recess.

Sincerely,

William Kimmick
Curriculum Director