

Good Morning,

In our continuing efforts to maintain and improve academic performance among our students, we have prepared summer reinforcement activities for all students. This summer, the activities have two/three components (depending on grade level) as outlined below. Students must bring the completed activities to their homeroom teacher no later than Friday, September 7, 2018.

2018 Summer Reinforcement Activities: Academic Skills

1. Students entering into PreK3 – 5th grade must register for the Summer Reading Program at their local library and complete the Summer Reading Program. You can go to their websites to register and keep track of hours logged or books read. Baltimore County's link is: <https://www.bcpl.info/youth/summer-reading.html> Registration is free and easy.
2. **(Kindergarten – 8th Grade)** Thirty to 60 minutes per week should be spent on www.Mathletics.com web site (username and password are located at the end of this email) doing math review, games, and tutorials. Students will need to complete 15 assignments on basic skills in their grade accumulating 1200 points. Activities may be repeated as many times as necessary to accumulate up to 100 points each. Teachers will be able to see the time spent and the activities done as site administrators.
3. Websites such as www.khanacademy.org, <http://www.sadlier-oxford.com/math/student.cfm> (choose the grade you just completed), <http://sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>, <http://coolmath.com/> and <http://www.aplusmath.com/> are other good sites for practice and review tutoring.
4. Parents or other responsible persons can drill students using flashcards or written math problems.
5. **Timed** skill drills will be given the first few weeks of school for all grade. These drills will be counted as part of the first trimester grade.

2018 Summer Reinforcement Activities:

Reading entering Grade 6, 7, 8: Items 2-5 as listed above for Primary Grades (But no Summer Reading Program), PLUS:

1. Choose **ONE** of the following books to read: *Me and Marvin Gardens* (Amy King); *A Long Pitch Home* (Natalie Dias Lorenzi); *Chester and Gus* (Cammie McGovern); *An Eagle in the Snow* (Michael Morpurgo), *Greeting From Witness Protection* (Jack Burt); *Slider* (Pete Haufman); *Up From the Sea* (Leza Lowitz); or *The Evil Wizard Smallbone* (Delia Sherman).
2. Students should take notes on the book. A story map is attached that may be used for this purpose.
3. Students will use the book and their notes to complete a three-paragraph essay on their chosen book. A rubric is attached to guide your child. A language arts grade will be assigned for this essay. **BE SURE TO USE THE RUBRIC!**
4. A quiz (based on the book your child read) will be given during the first weeks of school, and a reading grade will be assigned for this quiz.

NON-FICTION READING SKILLS

Our school is focusing on non-fiction reading skills, as this has been identified as an area of improvement for our students. ***We have subscribed to “Tween Tribune”, a website similar to the Scholastic Magazine and Time for Kids periodicals that we use during the year.*** We are asking each student entering Grades 6-8 to read and respond to (via written blog entry and/or the short quizzes pertaining to the articles) FIVE articles during the summer. This activity will probably take no more than 15 minutes per article, and will reinforce reading for detail and “close reading” skills that are a key component of what they will be expected to do next year. Student login and password for this site are listed below. The website is <https://www.tweentribune.com/>

The office will have a copy of all the usernames and passwords if you have misplaced them. A copy of all the materials mentioned will also be available on the schools website at: <https://www.olvmd.org/resources/forms-documents>

We wish you a restful, safe summer and hope you are looking forward to next year and the progress your children will make as they move to the next grade at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School.

Sincerely,

The Teachers at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School

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