

Dear Parents,

Summer is a great time to relax and unwind. I want to wish you and your child a wonderful summer break that will refuel and refresh him/her before moving on to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and middle school in September.

During July and August though, it is common for students to backslide on the learning that took place during the school year. For that reason, I am giving your child some simple and fun ideas to help prevent this from happening.

I've included a checklist of ideas for Math and ELA. It is not mandatory for your child to complete these activities. However, I'm hoping that your child will find these activities interesting and fun, and that he/she will want to work on some or all of them to keep skills sharp over the summer months.

Each activity has a box for your child to check if it is completed. There is also a line for you to initial, stating that the activity has been done. A simple notebook, folder, or composition book can be used to keep track of any activities that require work to be computed or written.

I've also included a Reading Log so your child can write down the titles and authors of any books read this summer. I believe that during the summer months children should read for enjoyment, so I'm not requiring any particular book(s) to be read. It is suggested that children read at least 20 minutes per day. This can include independent silent reading, reading aloud to you or a sibling, or spending time listening while being read to. It doesn't need to always be a book either. There are many forms of print that your child can read such as: magazines, travel brochures, recipes, sports programs, and even comics.

The Math activity sheet, ELA activity sheet, notebook/journal, and Reading Log can be returned to me on the first day of school showing any activities which have been completed.

If you should have any questions over the summer months, I can always be reached by email at [nzoricak@saintbenedicts.com](mailto:nzoricak@saintbenedicts.com).

Enjoy your summer,

Nancy Zoricak