

Dear New Families,

Welcome to SRCS. We are so happy to have you join our family. I want to inform you about your child's <u>required</u> Summer Reading and <u>suggested</u> Math activities over the Summer Break to prepare them for the upcoming school year.

I would like to emphasize the importance of doing reading and math practice during this time. Research has shown that students who engage in regular academic activities over the summer are better equipped to avoid the "summer slump" and maintain their academic progress. We have prepared a summer packet with stimulating reading and suggested math exercises to support your child's ongoing development.

The summer vacation provides a fantastic opportunity for children to explore new interests, spend quality time with family, and engage in recreational activities. However, it's crucial to strike a balance between relaxation and intellectual stimulation to ensure a smooth transition back to the classroom in the fall. Encouraging your child to dedicate a small portion of their day to reading and math will help them retain their skills, build confidence, and be better prepared for the upcoming school year.

Required Summer Reading

The ability to read is crucial for academic success. It improves vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills. As part of the summer packet, the school has assigned a grade-level book for your child to read during the summer. This book must be completed before the first day of school. We also encourage them to read other books of their choice. When school begins, they can take AR* quizzes on their required summer book and any other books they read over the summer once they have an account and login information. Students new to the school are not required to earn summer AR points. It's recommended that parents encourage their children to explore different genres and topics of interest, visit the local library, create a reading list together, and have family reading time to make the experience more enjoyable.

Suggested Math Activities

To stay proficient in Mathematics, consistent practice is necessary. We have a partnership with Mathnasium West Boca (see flyer in the packet), which offers our families a discounted price and will help students reinforce essential concepts, problem-solving skills, and logical thinking. Encourage your child to practice math facts like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division and to solve math problems in real-life situations, such as during shopping trips, cooking activities, or while exploring new places. Engage your child in math puzzles, games, and online resources to make math more interactive and enjoyable.

We firmly believe your involvement and support are crucial to your child's academic success. By encouraging them to complete the summer packet, you are setting a strong foundation for their



continued growth. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and partnership in nurturing your child's love for learning.

If you have any questions or require further guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We wish you and your family a safe, relaxing, and intellectually enriching summer break.

Warmest regards,

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Summer Packet Contents include:

- Required Summer Reading Assignment Sheet
- 1 Chapter Book (rising grades 2-5)
- Mathnasium Flyer