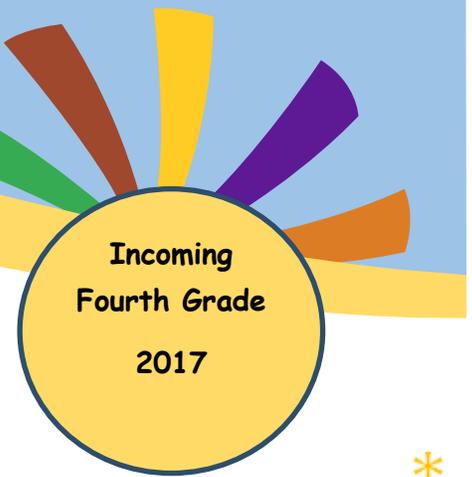


Avoiding The Summer Slide Challenge

What is summer slide? Summer slide is the academic loss children experience during the extended summer break from school. Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress, and that loss has cumulative, long-term effects.



Reading

Children who read over the summer continue to advance in the skills developed during the school year. When children read "good fit" books for 20 minutes a day, he/she will gain 1,800,000 words by 6th grade. For the summer, students should read age-appropriate books to complete **15 hours of summer reading**. Remember, the more your child reads, the greater success he/she will experience.

- Attached is a log to record your reading selections ([reading log](#))
- A suggested reading list to help you choose appropriate texts for your child ([reading selections](#))
- A [guide](#) to help improve your child's fluency

Writing

Students should write a letter to their upcoming teacher introducing themselves. They may choose to include some of their interests, favorite books, favorite subject in school, a description of the immediate family, and what they are looking forward to next year. The assignment should be written in [D'Nealian cursive](#).

Math

- Take time this summer to explore how math is all around us. Engage your child in activities that involve finding perimeter and area, using multiplication and division strategies, understanding charts/graphs, identifying 2 and 3 dimensional shapes, and using recipes in the kitchen with standard and metric units.
- Students should be able to complete **1** page of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division on the attached [Math Skill and Drill Problems](#). These are timed drills and your child's time should be recorded on each section. Students should be able to correctly complete 50 problems in 2 1/2 minutes ([timed requirements](#)). If additional skill sheets are needed students can practice by visiting www.math-drills.com.

All work should be turned in on August 8, 2017 to your child's teacher. It will count as 3 classwork assignments.

Did you know?

Many children lose about 2.6 years of math computational skills over the summer months if they don't practice their skills.