

CORNERSTONE

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Cornerstone Parents,

Summertime is here! Continuing to engage the brain and to read throughout the summer is a very important part of your child's education! We know all young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities over an extended period of time. At Cornerstone, we believe in the importance of children being "children" and enjoying the carefree summer months, but we also do not want them to regress in important skills like reading and math.

To help combat this loss, we have weekly math and language arts assignments through IXL for our rising fifth through eighth grade students in addition to our current reading requirements. You should find that these activities take on average 60 minutes for the entire week. We respect that summer is an important family time and we want our students to play and enjoy their summer months.

Cornerstone's summer reading and math & language arts IXL assignments are posted on our school website. Please go to the school website to find these assignments.

All new families will receive your child's IXL username and password information by email; returning students will use the same IXL login information they have already. I feel confident that your child has been using various applications like IXL during the school year (even if in attendance elsewhere) and should feel comfortable completing these assignments independently. While there is some flexibility in the IXL schedule, please help your child avoid working on all of the assignments at once at the end of the summer. The intent of the summer work is continued practice to review those skills.

The middle school teachers will be monitoring the summer math and language arts work by checking IXL usage. To start the school year, all students will take a review assessment based on the IXL summer exercises. If a student scores below an 80%, the student may need to attend Friday Study Hall in place of recess for four weeks to work on assigned concepts. This is to ensure a solid foundation for the current year.

If you have any questions or concerns about the assignments, please don't hesitate to email Mrs. Childers at tchilders@cornerstonecougars.net with math questions and Mrs. Dunlap with language arts/reading questions sdunlap@cornerstonecougars.net.

Finally, we ask that all students complete their IXL work, complete the reading log, and turn in their summer reading assignment to their homeroom teacher on Monday, August 19, after the start of the year retreats.

Happy summer reading and calculating,
Cornerstone Middle School Team